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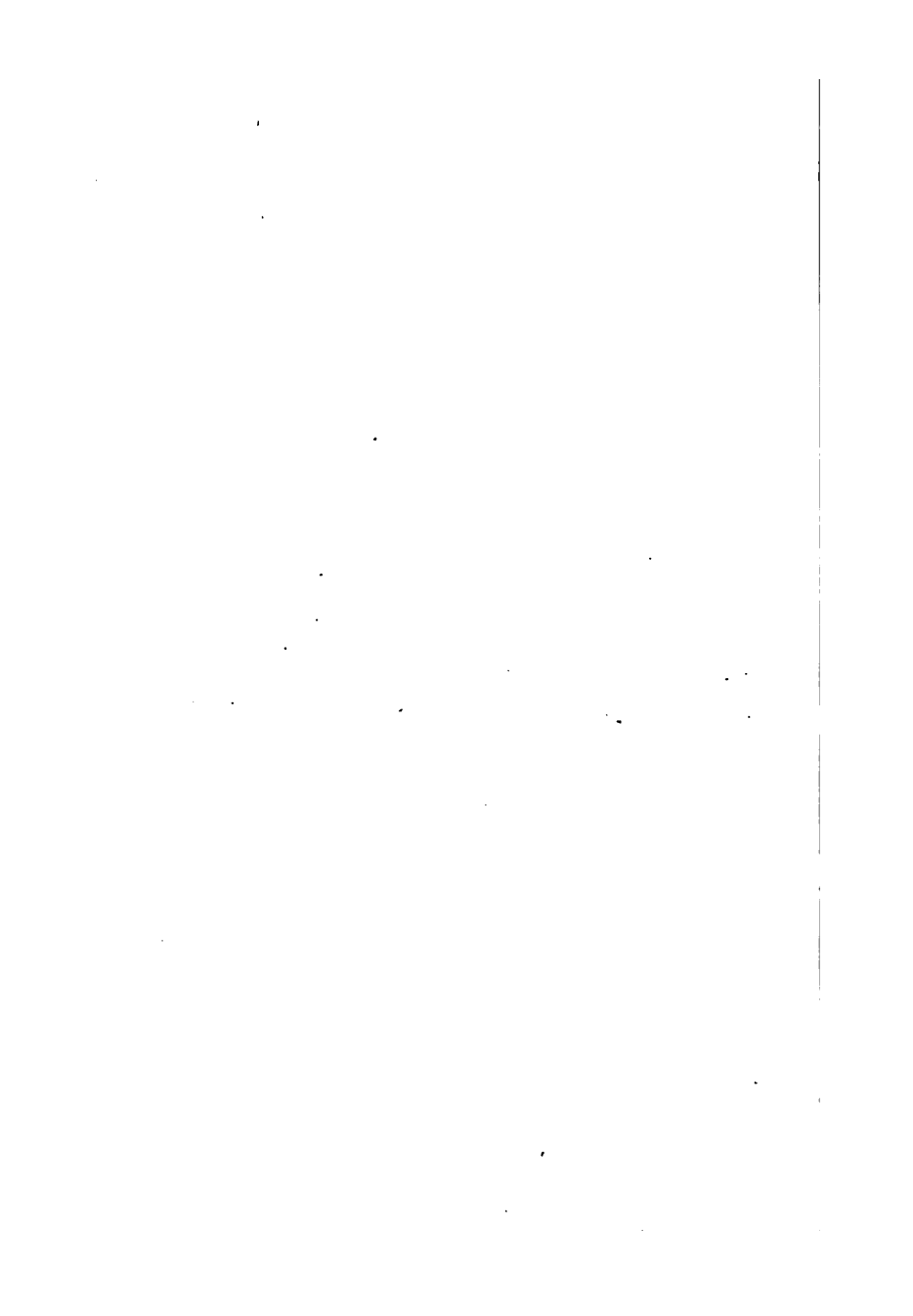
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THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

ADAM AND EVE.

IN the beginning God created the *Heaven* and the *Earth*.

And the earth was without form and void ; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And THE SPIRIT OF GOD moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said—

‘Let there be light:’

and there was *light*. And God saw the light, that it was good : and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light *Day*, and the darkness He called *Night*. And the evening and the morning were the *First Day*.

And God said—

‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters,
‘and let it divide the waters from the waters.’

And God made the *Firmament*, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And God called the firmament

Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the *Second Day.*

And God said—

‘Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together
‘unto one place, and let the dry land appear.’

And it was so. And God called the dry land *Earth*; and the gathering together of the waters called *He Seas*: and God saw that it was good. And God said—

‘Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed,
‘and the fruit-tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth.’

And it was so: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the *Third Day.*

And God said—

‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven, to
‘divide the day from the night; and let them be for
‘signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: and let
‘them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven, to
‘give light upon the earth.’

And it was so. God made *two great lights*; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *He* made the *stars* also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the *Fourth Day.*

And God said—

‘Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving crea-
‘ture that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the
‘earth in the open firmament of heaven.’

And God created great whales, and every living creature

that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying—

‘Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas,
‘and let fowl multiply in the earth.’

And the evening and the morning were the *Fifth Day*.

And God said—

‘Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his
‘kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth
‘after his kind.’

And it was so: and God saw that it was good.

And God said—

‘Let Us make man in our image, after our likeness: and
‘let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and
‘over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over
‘all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creep-
‘eth upon the earth.’

So God created *Man* in his own image. And God blessed them, and God said unto them—

‘Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and
‘subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea,
‘and over the fowl of the air, and over every living
‘thing that moveth upon the earth.’

And God said—

‘Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which
‘is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the
‘which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it
‘shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and
‘to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creep-
‘eth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given
‘every green herb for meat.’

And God saw everything that HE had made, and, behold

it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the *Sixth Day*.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the *Seventh Day* God ended his work which HE had made; and rested on the seventh day from all his work which HE had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.

And the LORD GOD formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

And the LORD GOD planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there HE put the man whom HE had formed. And out of the ground made the LORD GOD to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

And the LORD GOD took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, to dress it, and to keep it. And the LORD GOD commanded the man, saying—

‘Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but
‘of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou
‘shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest
‘thereof thou shalt surely die.’

And the LORD GOD said—

‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will
‘make him an help meet for him.’

And out of the ground the LORD GOD formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the

fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field ; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

And the LORD GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept : and HE took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof ; and the rib, which the LORD GOD had taken from man, made HE a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said—‘ This is ‘ now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh : she shall ‘ be called Woman, because she was taken out of man.’ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife ; and they shall be one flesh.

The serpent was more subtile than any beast of the field which the LORD GOD had made. And he said unto the woman—‘ Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every ‘ tree of the garden ?’ And the woman said unto the serpent—‘ We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden : ‘ but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the ‘ garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither ‘ shall ye touch it, lest ye die.’ And the serpent said unto the woman—‘ Ye shall not surely die : for God doth know ‘ that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be ‘ opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.’

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her ; and he did eat.

And the LORD GOD called unto Adam, and said unto him—

‘ Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee ‘ that thou shouldest not eat ?’

And the man said—‘ The woman whom thou gavest to be
‘ with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.’

And the LORD GOD said unto the woman—

‘ What is this that thou hast done ?’

And the woman said—‘ The serpent beguiled me, and I
‘ did eat.’

And the LORD GOD said unto the serpent—

‘ Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all
‘ cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy
‘ belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days
‘ of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the
‘ woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall
‘ bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.’

Unto the woman He said—

‘ I will greatly multiply thy sorrow; in sorrow thou shalt
‘ bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy
‘ husband, and he shall rule over thee.’

And unto Adam He said—

‘ Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife,
‘ and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee,
‘ saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground
‘ for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days
‘ of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth
‘ to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the
‘ sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return
‘ unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for
‘ dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.’

And Adam called his wife’s name Eve; because she was
the mother of all living.

And the LORD GOD said—

‘ Behold, the man is become as one of Us, to know good

‘and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take
‘also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:’

Therefore the LORD GOD sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

THE CHILDREN OF ADAM AND EVE.

EVE bare Cain, and said—‘I have gotten a man from the
‘Lord.’ And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel
was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain
brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the
LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his
flock, and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect
unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his
offering HE had not respect. And Cain was very wroth,
and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto
Cain—

‘Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance
‘fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?
‘and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door.’

And it came to pass, when they were in the field, that
Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And
the LORD said unto Cain—

‘Where is Abel thy brother?’

And he said—‘I know not: Am I my brother’s keeper?’
And HE said—

‘What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother’s blood
‘crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou

'cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to
'receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; when thou
'tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto
'thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt
'thou be in the earth.'

And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

And again she bare a son, and called his name Seth: 'For God,' said she, 'hath appointed me another seed 'instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.' And to Seth also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos.

NOAH.

AND GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth. And it repented the LORD that HE had made man on the earth.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. And God said unto Noah—

'The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth
'is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will
'destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of
'gopher-wood: rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and
'shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this
'is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length
'of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth
'of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A
'window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit
'shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt
'thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and
'third stories shalt thou make it. And, behold, I, even
'I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy

'all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.'

Thus did No-h; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

And the LORD said unto Noah—

'Come thou, and all thy house, into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.'

And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the-flood. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, there went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as GOD had commanded Noah. And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth ; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail ; and the mountains were covered.

And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man : all in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven ; and they were destroyed from the earth : and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

And GOD remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark : and GOD made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged. The fountains also of the deep, and the windows of heaven, were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained ; and the waters returned from off the earth continually : and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month : in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made : and he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the

waters were dried up from off the earth. Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground ; but the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth : then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. And he stayed yet other seven days ; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark ; and the dove came in to him in the evening ; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive-leaf pluckt off : so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. And he stayed yet other seven days ; and sent forth the dove ; which returned not again unto him any more.

And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

And God spake unto Noah, saying—

‘Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons’ wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth ; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.’

And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons’ wives with him : every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD ; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And the LORD

smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart—

‘I will not again curse the ground any more for man’s sake; for the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.’

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them—

‘Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man’s brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of GOD made He man.’

And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying—

‘Behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; and with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.’

And God said—

‘This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you,

‘for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud,
‘and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me
‘and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring
‘a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in
‘the cloud: and I will remember my covenant, which is
‘between me and you and every living creature of all
‘flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to
‘destroy all flesh.’

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

And they said one to another—‘Let us make brick, and
‘burn them thoroughly.’ And they had brick for stone,
and slime had they for mortar. And they said—‘Let us
‘build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto
‘heaven;’ and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered
‘abroad upon the face of the whole earth.’ And the LORD
came down to see the city and the tower, which the chil-
dren of men builded. And the LORD said—

‘Behold, the people is one, and they have all one lan-
‘guage; and this they begin to do: and now nothing
‘will be restrained from them, which they have imagined
‘to do. Let Us go down, and there confound their lan-
‘guage, that they may not understand one another’s
‘speech.’

So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

ABRAHAM.

Now the LORD said unto Abram—

‘Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and
‘from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew
‘thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and
‘I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou
‘shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless
‘thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee
‘shall all families of the earth be blessed.’

So Abram departed, and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan.

And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said—

‘Unto thy seed will I give this land.’

And there builded he an altar unto the LORD.

And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. And

there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. And Abram said unto Lot—'Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.'

And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah), as thou comest unto Zoar. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. But the men of Sodom were wicked, and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him,—

'Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land, in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.'

Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bare him no children: and

she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. And Hagar bare Abram a son : and Abram called his name Ishmael.

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him—

‘I am the Almighty GOD : walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.’

And Abram fell on his face : and God talked with him, saying—

‘As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham ; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee, in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession ; and I will be their God.’

And God said unto Abraham—

‘Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee, in their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you, and thy seed after thee ; Every man-child among you shall be circumcised.’

And God said unto Abraham—

‘As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her : yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations ; kings of people shall be of her.’

And God said—

‘Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.’

And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; and he lift up his eyes and looked; and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, and said, ‘My lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: and I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant.’ And they said, ‘So do, as thou hast said.’ And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, ‘Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.’ And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. And the LORD said—

‘Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall

'keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment;
'that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which He
'hath spoken of him.'

And the LORD said—

'Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and
'because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now,
'and see whether they have done altogether according to
'the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will
'know.'

And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

And Abraham drew near, and said, 'Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?' And the LORD said—

'If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then
'I will spare all the place for their sakes.'

And Abraham answered and said, 'Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD, which am but dust and ashes. Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five?' And He said—

'If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.'

And he spake unto HIM yet again, and said, 'Peradventure there shall be forty found there?' And He said—

'I will not do it for forty's sake.'

And he said unto HIM, 'Oh let not the LORD be angry,

‘and I will speak! Peradventure there shall thirty be found there?’ And HE said—

‘I will not do it, if I find thirty there.’

And he said, ‘Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD. Peradventure there shall be twenty found there?’ And HE said—

‘I will not destroy it for twenty’s sake.’

And he said, ‘Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak yet but this once! Peradventure ten shall be found there?’ And HE said—

‘I will not destroy it for ten’s sake.’

And the LORD went his way, as soon as HE had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; and he said, ‘Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant’s house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways.’ And they said, ‘Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.’ And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

And the men said unto Lot, ‘Hast thou here any besides? son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: for we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.’ And Lot went out.

and spake unto his sons-in-law, and said, 'Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city.' But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law.

And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, 'Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.' And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, 'Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.' And Lot said unto them, 'Oh! not so: behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh! let me escape thither, and my soul shall live.' And he said unto him, 'See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken. Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither.' Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire out of heaven; and HE overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

And the LORD visited Sarah as HE had said, and Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the

set time of which GOD had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, being eight days old, as GOD had commanded him. And Abraham was an hundred years old when his son Isaac was born unto him.

And it came to pass that GOD did tempt Abraham, and said unto him—

‘ Abraham: ’

And he said, ‘ Behold, here I am. ’ And HE said—

‘ Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. ’

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which GOD had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, ‘ Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. ’ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, ‘ Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering? ’ And Abraham said, ‘ My son, GOD will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering. ’

And they came to the place which GOD had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand,

and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said—

‘Abraham, Abraham:’

And he said, ‘Here am I.’ And HE said—

‘Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest GOD, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son.’

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said—

‘By myself have I sworn,’ saith the LORD, ‘for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.’

So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old. And Sarah died in Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying, ‘I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-

‘ place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.’

And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him, ‘ Hear us, my lord : thou art a mighty prince among us : in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead ; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.’

And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth. And he communed with them, saying, ‘ If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight ; hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field ; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me for a possession of a burying-place amongst you.’

And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth : and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying, ‘ Nay, my lord, hear me : the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee ; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee : bury thy dead.’

And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land. And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, ‘ But if thou wilt give it, I pray thee, hear me : I will give thee money for the field ; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.’

And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him, ‘ My lord, hearken unto me : the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver ; what is that betwixt me and thee ? bury therefore thy dead.’

And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron ; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant. And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre : the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan. And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by the sons of Heth.

And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age : and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, ' I will make thee swear by the ' LORD, the GOD of heaven, and the GOD of the earth, that ' thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters ' of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell : but thou shalt ' go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife ' unto my son Isaac.'

And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed ; for all the goods of his master were in his hand : and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.

And he said, ' O LORD GOD of my master Abraham, I

‘ pray thee, send me good speed this day, and show
‘ kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand
‘ here by the well of water ; and the daughters of the men
‘ of the city come out to draw water : let it come to pass,
‘ that the damsel to whom I shall say, “ Let down thy
‘ pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink ; ” and she shall
‘ say, “ Drink, and I will give they camels drink also : ”
‘ let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy ser-
‘ vant Isaac.’

And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, (who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s brother,) with her pitcher upon her shoulder. And the damsel was very fair to look upon : and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, ‘ Let me, I pray thee, drink a little
‘ water of thy pitcher.’ And she said, ‘ Drink, my lord ;’ and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, ‘ I will draw water for thy camels also,
‘ until they have done drinking.’ And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold ; and said, ‘ Whose daughter art thou ? tell me, I
‘ pray thee : is there room in thy father’s house for us to
‘ lodge in ?’ And she said unto him, ‘ I am the daughter
‘ of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.’

She said moreover unto him, 'We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.' And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD. And he said, 'Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.'

And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things. And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. And he said, 'Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.' And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him. And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, 'I will not eat, until I have told mine errand.' And he said, 'Speak on.'

And he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and He hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses. And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath. And my master made me swear, saying, "Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: but thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son." And I said unto my master, "Peradventure the woman will not follow me." And he said unto me, "The LORD, before whom I walk,

‘ will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way ; and
‘ thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of
‘ my father’s house : then shalt thou be clear from this my
‘ oath, when thou comest to my kindred ; and if they give
‘ not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath.” And I
‘ came this day unto the well, and said, “ O LORD GOD of
‘ my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way
‘ which I go : behold, I stand by the well of water ; and
‘ it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth
‘ to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee,
‘ a little water of thy pitcher to drink, and she say to
‘ me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy
‘ camels : let the same be the woman whom the LORD
‘ hath appointed out for my master’s son.” And before I had
‘ done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth
‘ with her pitcher on her shoulder ; and she went down
‘ unto the well, and drew water : and I said unto her,
‘ “ Let me drink, I pray thee.” And she made haste, and
‘ let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, “ Drink,
‘ and I will give thy camels drink also : ” so I drank, and
‘ she made the camels drink also. And I asked her, and
‘ said, “ Whose daughter art thou ? ” And she said, “ The
‘ daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bare
‘ unto him : ” and I put the earring upon her face, and
‘ the bracelets upon her hands. And I bowed down my
‘ head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD
‘ God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the
‘ right way to take my master’s brother’s daughter unto
‘ his son. And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with
‘ my master, tell me : and if not, tell me ; that I may turn
‘ to the right hand, or to the left.’

Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, ‘ The

'thing proceedeth from the LORD : we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.' And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth. And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah : he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night ; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, 'Send me away unto my master.' And her brother and her mother said, 'Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten ; after that she shall go.' And he said unto them, 'Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way ; send me away that I may go to my master.' And they said, 'We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth.' And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, 'Wilt thou go with this man?' And she said, 'I will go.' And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, 'Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.'

And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man. And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide : and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. For she had said unto the servant, 'What man is this that walketh in the field to meet

‘us?’ And the servant had said, ‘It is my master:’ therefore she took a vail, and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife.

These are the days of the years of Abraham’s life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people. And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre; the field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

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AND it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that GOD blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahai-roi.

And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins, and the first they called Esau, and his brother was called Jacob; and Isaac was three score years old when she bare them.

And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling

in tents. And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison : but Rebekah loved Jacob. And Jacob sod pottage : and Esau came from the field, and he was faint : and Esau said to Jacob, 'Feed me, I pray thee, with that 'same red pottage ; for I am faint : ' therefore was his name called Edom. And Jacob said, 'Sell me this day thy 'birthright.' And Esau said, 'Behold, I am at the point 'to die : and what profit shall this birthright do to me ? ' And Jacob said, 'Swear to me this day ; ' and he sware unto him : and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles ; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way : thus Esau despised his birthright.

And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

And the LORD appeared unto him, and said—

'Go not down into Egypt ; dwell in the land which I shall
'tell thee of : sojourn in this land, and I will be with
'thee, and will bless thee ; for unto thee, and unto thy
'seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform
'the oath which I sware unto Abraham, thy father : and
'I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven,
'and will give unto thy seed all these countries ; and in
'thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed ;
'because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my
'charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my
'laws.'

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold ; and the LORD blessed him : and the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great : for he had possession of flocks, and

possession of herds, and great store of servants : and the Philistines envied him. For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. And Abimelech said unto Isaac, ' Go from us ; for thou art much mightier than we.'

And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, ' My son : ' and he said unto him, ' Behold, here am I.' And he said, ' Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death : now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison ; and make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat ; that my soul may bless thee before I die.' And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it.

And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, ' Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats ; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth : and thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.'

And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, ' Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth-man : my father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver ; and I shall bring a curse upon me,

'and not a blessing.' And his mother said unto him, 'Upon me be thy curse, my son : only obey my voice, and 'go fetch me them.' And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother : and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved.

And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son : and she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck : and she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

And he came unto his father, and said, 'My father : ' and he said, 'Here am I ; who art thou, my son ? ' And Jacob said unto his father, 'I am Esau thy firstborn ; I 'have done according as thou badest me : arise, I pray 'thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless 'me.' And Isaac said unto his son, 'How is it that thou 'hast found it so quickly, my son ? ' And he said, 'Be- 'cause the LORD thy GOD brought it to me.' And Isaac said unto Jacob, 'Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel 'thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or 'not.' And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father ; and he felt him, and said, 'The voice is Jacob's voice, but the 'hands are the hands of Esau.' And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands : so he blessed him. And he said, 'Art thou my 'very son Esau ? ' And he said, 'I am.' And he said, 'Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, 'that my soul may bless thee.' And he brought it near to him, and he did eat : and he brought him wine, and he drank. And his father Isaac said unto him, 'Come near 'now, and kiss me, my son.' And he came near, and

kissed him : and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, ' See, the smell of my son is as the
' smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed : therefore
' God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of
' the earth, and plenty of corn and wine : let people serve
' thee, and nations bow down to thee : be lord over thy
' brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee :
' cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he
' that blesseth thee.'

And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, ' Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, ' that thy soul may bless me.' And Isaac his father said unto him, ' Who art thou ?' And he said, ' I am thy son, ' thy firstborn Esau.' And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, ' Who ? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before ' thou camest, and have blessed him ? yea, and he shall be ' blessed.' And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, ' Bless me, even me also, O my father !' And he said, ' Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath ' taken away thy blessing.' And he said, ' Is not he ' rightly named Jacob ? for he hath supplanted me these ' two times : he took away my birthright ; and, behold, ' now he hath taken away my blessing.' And he said, ' Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me ?' And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, ' Behold, I have made him ' thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for

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'servants ; and with corn and wine have I sustained him :
'and what shall I do now unto thee, my son ?' And Esau said unto his father, 'Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father!' And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, 'Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above ; and by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother ; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.'

And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him : and Esau said in his heart, 'The days of mourning for my father are at hand ; then will I slay my brother Jacob.' And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah : and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, 'Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice ; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran ; and tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away ; until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him : then I will send, and fetch thee from thence : why should I be deprived also of you both in one day ?'

And Rebekah said to Isaac, 'I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth : if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me ?' And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, 'Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the

' house of Bethuel thy mother's father ; and take thee a
' wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's
' brother. And GOD ALMIGHTY bless thee, and make thee
' fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multi-
' tude of people ; and give thee the blessing of Abraham,
' to thee, and to thy seed with thee ; that thou mayest
' inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God
' gave unto Abraham.' And Isaac sent away Jacob : and
he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the
Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's
mother.

J A C O B.

AND Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward
Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried
there all night, because the sun was set ; and he took of
the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and
lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and,
behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it
reached to heaven : and behold, the angels of God ascend-
ing and descending on it. And, behold, the LORD stood
above it, and said—

' I am the LORD GOD of Abraham thy father, and the GOD of
' Isaac : the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it,
' and to thy seed ; and thy seed shall be as the dust of
' the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west,
' and to the east, and to the north, and to the south :
' and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the
' earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will

'keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.'

And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, 'Surely, the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.' And he was afraid, and said, 'How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of GOD, and this is the gate of heaven.' And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Beth-el; but the name of that city was called Luz at the first. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, 'If GOD will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my GOD: and this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be GOD's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.'

Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east. And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth. And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place. And Jacob said unto them, 'My brethren, whence be ye?' And they said, 'Of Haran are we.' And he said unto them, 'Know ye Laban the son of Nahor?' And they said, 'We know him.' And he said unto them, 'Is he well?' And they said, 'He is well: and, behold,

‘ Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.’ And he said, ‘ Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together : water ye the sheep, and go and feed them.’ And they said, ‘ We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well’s mouth ; then we water the sheep.’

And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father’s sheep : for she kept them. And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother’s brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother’s brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well’s mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother’s brother. And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father’s brother, and that he was Rebekah’s son : and she ran and told her father. And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister’s son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. And Laban said to him, ‘ Surely thou art my bone and my flesh.’ And he abode with him the space of a month.

And Laban said unto Jacob, ‘ Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought ? tell me, what shall thy wages be ?’ And Laban had two daughters : the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah was tender-eyed ; but Rachel was beautiful and well-favoured. And Jacob loved Rachel ; and said, ‘ I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.’ And Laban said, ‘ It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give

'her to another man : abide with me.' And Jacob served seven years for Rachel ; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

And Jacob said unto Laban, 'Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled.' And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him. And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid. And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?' And Laban said, 'It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the first-born. Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.'

And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week : and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve : the sons of Leah ; Reuben, Jacob's first-born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun. And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah. The sons of Rachel ; Joseph and Benjamin : and the sons of Bilhah, Dan and Naphtali : and the sons of Zilpah ; Gad and Asher.

Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels ; and he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram, to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom. And he commanded them, saying, 'Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; "Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now: and I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and men-servants, and women-servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight."'

And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, 'We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.'

Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands; and said, 'If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.' And Jacob said, 'O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, "Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:" I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children. And thou saidst, "I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude."'

And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother; two hundred she-goats, and twenty he-goats, two hundred

ewes, and twenty rams, thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals. And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves ; and said unto his servants, ' Pass ' over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.' And he commanded the foremost, saying, ' When Esau my ' brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, " Whose ' art thou ? and whither goest thou ? and whose are these ' before thee ? " then thou shalt say, " They be thy ser- ' vant Jacob's ; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau : ' and, behold, also he is behind us." ' And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, ' On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, ' when ye find him. And say ye moreover, " Behold, thy ' servant Jacob is behind us." ' For he said, ' I will ' appease him with the present that goeth before me, and ' afterward I will see his face ; peradventure he will accept ' of me.'

So went the present over before him : and himself lodged that night in the company. And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jab-bok. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids. And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindmost. And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. And Esau ran to meet

him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him : and they wept. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children ; and said, ' Who are those ' with thee ? ' And he said, ' The children which God ' hath graciously given thy servant.' Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves : and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. And he said, ' What meanest thou by all this drove which I met ? ' And he said, ' These are to find grace in the sight of my ' lord.' And Esau said, ' I have enough, my brother ; ' keep that thou hast unto thyself.' And Jacob said, ' Nay, ' I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then ' receive my present at my hand : for therefore I have ' seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and ' thou wast pleased with me. Take, I pray thee, my ' blessing that is brought to thee ; because God hath dealt ' graciously with me, and because I have enough.' And he urged him, and he took it. And he said, ' Let us take ' our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.' And he said unto him, ' My lord knoweth that the children ' are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with ' me : and if men should overdrive them one day, all the ' flock will die. Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over be- ' fore his servant : and I will lead on softly, according as ' the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able ' to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir.' And Esau said, ' Let me now leave with thee some of the folk ' that are with me.' And he said, ' What needeth it ? let ' me find grace in the sight of my lord.'

So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

And God said unto Jacob—

‘Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there
‘an altar unto GOD, that appeared unto thee when thou
‘fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.’

Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, ‘Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: and let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto GOD, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.’ And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem. And they journeyed: and the terror of GOD was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Beth-el, he and all the people that were with him. And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el: because there GOD appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

But Deborah, Rebekah’s nurse died, and she was buried beneath Beth-el under an oak: and the name of it was called Allon-bachuth.

And GOD appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him. And God said unto him—

‘Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more
‘Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name:’

and He called his name Israel. And God said unto him—

'I am GOD ALMIGHTY : be fruitful and multiply ; a nation
'and a company of nations shall be of thee ; and the land
'which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it,
'and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.'

And GOD went up from him in the place where HE talked with him. And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where HE talked with him, even a pillar of stone : and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. And Jacob called the name of the place where GOD spake with him, Beth-el.

And Jacob came unto Isaac his father, unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned. And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years. And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days : and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

JOSEPH.

JOSEPH, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren ; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah : and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age : and he made him a coat of many colours. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more

than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren : and they hated him yet the more. And he said unto them, 'Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed : for, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright ; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.' And his brethren said to him, 'Shalt thou indeed reign over us ? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us ?' And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, 'Behold, I have dreamed a dream more ; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.' And he told it to his father, and to his brethren : and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, 'What is this dream that thou hast dreamed ? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth ?' And his brethren envied him ; but his father observed the saying.

And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. And Israel said unto Joseph, 'Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem ? come, and I will send thee unto them.' And he said to him, 'Here am I.' And he said to him, 'Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks ; and bring me word again.' So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field : and the man asked him, saying, 'What seekest thou ?' And he said, 'I seek my brethren : tell me, I

‘pray thee, where they feed their flocks.’ And the man said, ‘They are departed hence; for I heard them say, “Let us go to Dothan.”’ And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. And they said one to another, ‘Behold, this dreamer cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, “Some evil beast hath devoured him:” and we shall see what will become of his dreams.’ And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, ‘Let us not kill him.’ And Reuben said unto them, ‘Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him;’ that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; and they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. And Judah said unto his brethren, ‘What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh.’ And his brethren were content. Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into

Egypt. And Reuben returned unto the pit ; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit ; and he rent his clothes. And he returned unto his brethren, and said, ' The child is not ; ' and I, whither shall I go ? '

And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood ; and they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father ; and said, ' This have we found : know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.' And he knew it, and said, ' It is my son's coat ; an evil beast hath devoured him ; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.' And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him ; but he refused to be comforted ; and he said, ' For I will go down into ' the grave unto my son mourning.' Thus his father wept for him. And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

And Joseph was brought down to Egypt ; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man ; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him : and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hands. And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's

sake ; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand ; and he knew not aught he had, save the bread which he did eat.

And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, ' After this manner did thy servant,' that his wrath was kindled. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound : and he was there in the prison. But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison ; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison looked not to anything that was under his hand ; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt. And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them : and they continued a season in ward.

And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the prison. And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad. And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his

lord's house, saying, 'Wherefore look ye so sadly to-day?' And they said unto him, 'We have dreamed a dream, and 'there is no interpreter of it.' And Joseph said unto them, 'Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I 'pray you.'

And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, 'In my dream, behold, a vine was before me; and 'in the vine were three branches: and it was as though 'it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters 'thereof brought forth ripe grapes: and Pharaoh's cup 'was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed 'them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into 'Pharaoh's hand.' And Joseph said unto him, 'This is 'the interpretation of it: The three branches are three 'days: yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine 'head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt 'deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former 'manner when thou wast his butler. But think on me 'when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I 'pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto 'Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: for indeed I 'was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and 'here also have I done nothing that they should put me 'into the dungeon.'

When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, 'I also was in my dream, and, 'behold, I had three white baskets on my head: and in 'the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bake-meats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of 'of the basket upon my head.' And Joseph answered and said, 'This is the interpretation thereof: The three 'baskets are three days: yet within three days shall

‘ Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree ; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.’

And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh’s birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants : and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. . And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again ; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh’s hand : but he hanged the chief baker : as Joseph had interpreted to them. Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed, and, behold, he stood by the river. And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well-favoured kine and fat-fleshed ; and they fed in a meadow. And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill-favoured and lean-fleshed ; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river. And the ill-favoured and lean-fleshed kine did eat up the seven well-favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke. And he slept and dreamed the second time : and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. And, behold, seven thin ears, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them. And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.

And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled ; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof : and Pharaoh told them his dreams ; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, ‘ I do

‘remember my faults this day : Pharaoh was wroth with
‘his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the
‘guard’s house, both me and the chief baker : and we
‘dreamed a dream in one night, I and he ; we dreamed
‘each man according to the interpretation of his dream.
‘And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew,
‘servant to the captain of the guard ; and we told him,
‘and he interpreted to us our dreams ; to each man according to his dream he did interpret. And it came to pass,
‘as he interpreted to us, so it was ; me he restored unto
‘mine office, and him he hanged.’

Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon : and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, ‘I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it : and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.’

And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, ‘It is not in me : God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.’

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, ‘In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river : and, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed and well-favoured ; and they fed in a meadow : and, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill-favoured and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness : and the lean and the ill-favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine : and when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them ; but they were still ill-favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke. And I saw in my dream, and behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good :

‘and, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them : and the thin ears devoured the seven good ears : and I told this unto the magicians ; but there was none that could declare it to me.’

And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, ‘The dream of Pharaoh is one : God hath showed Pharaoh what HE is about to do. The seven good kine are seven years ; and the seven good ears are seven years : the dream is one. And the seven thin and ill-favoured kine that came up after them are seven years ; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh : What God is about to do HE showeth unto Pharaoh. Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt : and there shall arise after them seven years of famine ; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt ; and the famine shall consume the land ; and the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following ; for it shall be very grievous. And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice ; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall

'be in the land of Egypt ; that the land perish not through the famine.'

And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. And Pharaoh said unto his servants, 'Can we find such a one as this is, a man 'in whom the Spirit of God is?' And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, 'Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art : thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled : only in the throne will I be greater than thou.' And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, 'See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.' And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck ; and he made him ride in the second chariot which he had ; and they cried before him, 'Bow the knee : ' and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, 'I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.' And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah ; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On.

And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt. And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities : the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. And

Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering ; for it was without number.

And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him. And Joseph called the name of the first-born Manasseh : ' For God,' said he, ' hath made ' me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.' And the name of the second called he Ephraim : ' For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.'

And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended. And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said : and the dearth was in all lands ; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread : and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, ' Go unto Joseph ; ' what he saith to you, do.' And the famine was over all the face of the earth : and Joseph opened all the store-houses, and sold unto the Egyptians ; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt. And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy corn ; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, ' Why do ye look one upon another ? ' And he said, ' Behold, I have heard that there ' is corn in Egypt : get you down thither, and buy for us ' from thence ; that we may live, and not die.' And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt. But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren ; for he said, ' Lest peradventure mischief ' befall him.'

And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among *

that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan. And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth. And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, 'Whence come ye?' And they said, 'From the land of Canaan to buy food.' And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him. And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, 'Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.' And they said unto him, 'Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come. We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy servants are no spies.' And he said unto them, 'Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.' And they said, 'Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.' And Joseph said unto them, 'That is it that I spake unto you, saying, "Ye are spies." Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies.' And he put them all together into ward three days. And Joseph said unto them the third day, 'This do, and live; for I fear God: if ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses: but bring your youngest brother unto me;

'so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die.' And they did so. And they said one to another, 'We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.' And Reuben answered them, saying, 'Spake I not unto you, saying, "Do not sin against the child;" and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.' And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter. And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them. And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence. And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth. And he said unto his brethren, 'My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack:' and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, 'What is this that God hath done unto us?'

And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying, 'The man who is the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country. And we said unto him, "We are true men; we are no spies: we be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan." And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, "Hereby

'shall I know that ye are true men ; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone : and bring your youngest brother unto me ; then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men : so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffic in the land.'" And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack : and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. And Jacob their father said unto them, 'Me have ye bereaved of my children : Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away : all these things are against me.' And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, 'Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee : deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.' And he said, 'My son shall not go down with you ; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone : if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.'

And the famine was sore in the land. And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn, which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, 'Go again, buy us a little food.' And Judah spake unto him, saying, 'The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, "Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you." If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food : but if thou wilt not send him we will not go down : for the man said unto us, "Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.'" And Israel said, 'Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother ?' And they said, 'The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, say-

'ing, "Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother?" and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, "Bring your brother down?"' And Judah said unto Israel his father, 'Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones. I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever: for except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.' And their father Israel said unto them, 'If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds: and take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight: take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man: and GOD ALMIGHTY give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.'

And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, 'Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon.' And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house. And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, 'Because of the money that was returned in our sacks

'at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses.' And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house, and said, 'O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food: and it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand. And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.' And he said, 'Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money.' And he brought Simeon out unto them.

And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender. And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there. And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth. And he asked them of their welfare, and said, 'Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive?' And they answered, 'Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive.' And they bowed down their heads and made obeisance. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, 'Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me?' And he said, 'God be gracious unto thee, my son.' And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber,

and wept there. And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, 'Set on bread.' And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves : because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews ; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians. And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth : and the men marvelled one at another. And he took and sent messes unto them from before him : but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, ' Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, ' and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. And ' put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the ' youngest, and his corn money.' And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses. And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, ' Up, follow after the men ; and when thou dost overtake ' them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil-for ' good ? ' And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words. And they said unto him, ' Wherefore ' saith my lord these words ? God forbid that thy servants ' should do according to this thing : behold, the money, ' which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again ' out of the land of Canaan : how then should ' it of thy lord's house silver or gold ? With ' of thy servants it be found, both let him die, ' will be my lord's bondmen.' And he said,

‘ Now also let it be according unto your words : he with whom it is found shall be my servant ; and ye shall be ‘ blameless.’ Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack. And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest : and the cup was found in Benjamin’s sack.

Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city. And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph’s house ; for he was yet there : and they fell before him on the ground. And Judah said, ‘ What shall we say unto my lord ? what shall we speak ? or how shall we clear ourselves ? God hath found out the ‘ iniquity of thy servants : behold, we are my lord’s servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found.’ And he said, ‘ God forbid that I should do so : but the man ‘ in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant ; ‘ and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.’

Then Judah came near unto him, and said, ‘ O my ‘ lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my ‘ lord’s ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy ‘ servant : for thou art even as Pharaoh. My lord ‘ asked his servants, saying, “ Have ye a father, or a ‘ brother ? ” And we said unto my lord, “ We have a father, ‘ an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one ; and ‘ his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, ‘ and his father loveth him.” And thou saidst unto thy ‘ servants, “ Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine ‘ eyes upon him.” And we said unto my lord, “ The lad ‘ cannot leave his father : for if he should leave his father, ‘ his father would die.” And thou saidst unto thy servants, ‘ “ Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye ‘ shall see my face no more.” And it came to pass when

' we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. And our father said, " Go again, and buy us a little food." And we said, " We cannot go down : if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down : for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us." And thy servant my father said unto us, " Ye know that my wife bare me two sons : and the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces ; and I saw him not since : and if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave." Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us, (seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life,) it shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die : and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave. For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, " If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever." Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord ; and let the lad go up with his brethren. For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me ? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.'

Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him ; and he cried, ' Cause every man to go out from me.' And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud : and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Joseph said unto his brethren, ' I am Joseph ; doth my father yet live ?' And his brethren could not answer him ; for they were troubled at his presence. And

Joseph said unto his brethren, 'Come near to me, I pray 'you,' and they came near. And he said, 'I am Joseph 'your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore 'be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold 'me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve 'life. For these two years hath the famine been in the 'land: and yet there are five years, in the which there 'shall neither be earing nor harvest. And God sent me 'before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and 'to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it 'was not you that sent me hither, but God: and He hath 'made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, 'and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. Haste ye, 'and go up to my father, and say unto him, "Thus saith 'thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come 'down unto me, tarry not: and thou shalt dwell in the 'land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, 'and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy 'flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: and there 'will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; 'lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come 'to poverty." And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of 'my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh 'unto you. And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in 'Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste 'and bring down my father hither.' And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, 'Joseph's brethren are come:' and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. And Pharaoh said unto

Joseph, 'Say unto thy brethren, "This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; and take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours."

And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. And to his father he sent after this manner: ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way. So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, 'See that ye fall not out by the way.'

And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father, and told him, saying, 'Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt.' And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: and Israel said, 'It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.'

And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and

came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said—

‘ Jacob, Jacob.’

And he said, ‘ Here am I.’ And HE said—

‘ I am GOD, the GOD of thy father : fear not to go down into Egypt ; for I will there make of thee a great nation : I will go down with thee into Egypt ; and I will also surely bring thee up again : and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.’

And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba : and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him : his sons, and his sons’ sons with him, his daughters, and his sons’ daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen ; and they came into the land of Goshen. And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him ; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. And Israel said unto Joseph, ‘ Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.’

Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, ‘ My father, and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan ; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen.’ And he took some of his brethren, even five men, and pre-

sented them unto Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, 'What is your occupation?' And they said unto Pharaoh, 'Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and 'also our fathers.' They said moreover unto Pharaoh, 'To sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants 'have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore 'in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let 'thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.' And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, 'Thy father and thy brethren 'are come unto thee: the land of Egypt is before thee; 'in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to 'dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if 'thou knowest any men of activity among them, then 'make them rulers over my cattle.'

And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, 'How old art thou?' And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, 'The days of the years of my 'pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and 'evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have 'not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my 'fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.' And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, 'Give us bread: for why should we die

‘in thy presence? for the money faileth.’ And Joseph said, ‘Give your cattle; and I will give you for your ‘cattle, if money fail.’ And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, ‘We will not hide it from ‘my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also ‘hath our herds of cattle; there is not aught left in the ‘sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our ‘land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our ‘land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, ‘that we may live, and not die, that the land be not ‘desolate.’ And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh’s. And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof. Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands. Then Joseph said unto the people, ‘Behold, I have bought you ‘this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for ‘you, and ye shall sow the land. And it shall come to ‘pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto ‘Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of ‘the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.’ And they said,

'Thou hast saved our lives : let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.' And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part ; except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.

And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen ; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly. And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years : so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years. And the time drew nigh that Israel must die : and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, 'If now I have found grace in thy sight, bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt : but I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying-place.' And he said, 'I will do as thou hast said.' And he said, 'Swear unto me.' And he sware unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, 'Behold, thy father is sick : ' and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. And one told Jacob, and said, 'Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee : ' and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. And Jacob said unto Joseph, 'GOD ALMIGHTY appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, and said unto me, "Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people ; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession." And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine : as Reuben and Simeon, they shall

'be mine. And thy issue, which thou begetttest after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance. And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Beth-lehem.'

And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, 'Who are these?' And Joseph said unto his father, 'They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place.' And he said, 'Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.' Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. And Israel said unto Joseph, 'I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath showed me also thy seed.' And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand towards Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand towards Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the first-born.

And he blessed Joseph, and said, 'God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.' And when Joseph saw that

his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, 'Not so, my father: for this is the 'first-born; put thy right hand upon his head.' And his father refused, and said, 'I know it, my son, I know it: 'he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: 'but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, 'and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.' And he blessed them that day, saying, 'In thee shall Israel 'bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: 'and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

And Israel said unto Joseph, 'Behold, I die: but God 'shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of 'your fathers. Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of 'the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.'

And Jacob called his sons, and told them what should befall them in the last days. And when he had made an end of commanding them, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days. And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, 'If now 'I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in 'the ears of Pharaoh, saying, My father made me swear.

‘saying, “Lo, I die : in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me.” Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.’ And Pharaoh said, ‘Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.’

And Joseph went up to bury his father : and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, and all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father’s house : only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen : and it was a very great company. And they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation : and he made a mourning for his father seven days. And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them : for his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a burying-place of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre. And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

And when Joseph’s brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, ‘Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.’ And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, ‘Thy father did command before he died, saying, “So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin ; for they did unto thee evil : ” and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass

‘ of the servants of the GOD of thy father.’ And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. And his brethren also went and fell down before his face ; and they said, ‘ Behold, we be thy servants.’ And Joseph said unto them, ‘ Fear not : for am I in the place of GOD ? but as for you, ye thought evil against me ; but GOD meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Now therefore fear ye not : I will nourish you, and your little ones.’ And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father’s house : and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years. And Joseph saw Ephraim’s children of the third generation : the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph’s knees.

And Joseph said unto his brethren, ‘ I die : and GOD will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which HE sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.’ And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, ‘ GOD will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.’ So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old : and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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MOSES.

AND Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. And he said unto his people, 'Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.' Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure-cities. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: and they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, 'Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.'

And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. And the woman bare a son:

and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, 'This is one of 'the Hebrews' children.' Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the 'Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?' And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Go.' And the maid went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, 'Take this child away, and nurse 'it for me, and I will give thee thy wages.' And the woman took the child, and nursed it. And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, 'Because I drew him out of the water.'

And it came to pass, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, 'Wherefore smitest thou

'thy fellow?' And he said, 'Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian?' And Moses feared, and said, 'Surely this thing is known.' Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses.

But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well. Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, 'How is it that ye are come so soon to-day?' And they said, 'An Egyptian delivered us out of the hands of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock.' And he said unto his daughters, 'And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread.' And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter. And she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, 'I have been a stranger in a strange land.'

And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. And God heard their groaning, and remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked,

and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, 'I will now turn aside, 'and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.' And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said—

'Moses, Moses.'

And he said, 'Here am I.' And HE said—

'Draw not nigh hither : put off thy shoes from off thy feet, 'for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.'

Moreover HE said—

'I am the GOD of thy father, the GOD of Abraham, the GOD 'of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob.'

And Moses hid his face ; for he was afraid to look upon God.

And the LORD said—

'I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in 'Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their task- 'masters ; for I know their sorrows ; and I am come down 'to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to 'bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a 'large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey ; unto the 'place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, 'and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 'Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is 'come unto me : and I have also seen the oppression 'wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now 'therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou 'mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of 'Egypt.'

And Moses said unto God, 'Who am I, that I should go 'unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children 'of Israel out of Egypt?' And HE said—

'Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: when thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve GOD upon this mountain.'

And Moses said unto GOD, 'Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, "The GOD of your fathers hath sent me unto you;" and they shall say to me, "What is his name?" what shall I say unto them?'

And GOD said unto Moses—

'I AM THAT I AM.'

And HE said—

'Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.'

And GOD said moreover unto Moses—

'Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD GOD of your fathers, the GOD of Abraham, the GOD of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD GOD of your fathers, the GOD of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: and I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD GOD of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our GOD. And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no,

'not by a mighty hand. And I will stretch out my hand,
'and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in
'the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.'

And Moses answered and said, 'But, behold, they will
not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will
'say, "The LORD hath not appeared to thee."'

And the LORD said unto him—

'What is that in thine hand?'

And he said, 'A rod.' And HE said—

'Cast it on the ground.'

And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent;
and Moses fled from before it. And the LORD said unto
Moses—

'Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail.'

And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became
a rod in his hand:

'That they may believe that the LORD GOD of their
'fathers, the GOD of Abraham, the GOD of Isaac, and the
'GOD of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.'

And the LORD said furthermore unto him—

'Put now thine hand into thy bosom.'

And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took
it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. And HE
said—

'Put thine hand into thy bosom again.'

And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked
it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his
other flesh.

'And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee,
'neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they
'will believe the voice of the latter sign. And it shall
'come to pass, if they will not believe also these two sign-

‘neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of
‘the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land :
‘and the water which thou takest out of the river shall
‘become blood upon the dry land.’

And Moses said unto the LORD, ‘O my LORD, I am not
‘eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken
‘unto thy servant : but I am slow of speech, and of a slow
‘tongue.’

And the LORD said unto him—

‘Who hath made man’s mouth ? or who maketh the dumb,
‘or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind ? have not I the LORD ?
‘Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach
‘thee what thou shalt say.’

And he said, ‘O my LORD, send, I pray thee, by the
‘hand of him whom thou wilt send.’

And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses,
and He said—

‘Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother ? I know that he can
‘speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet
‘thee : and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.
‘And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his
‘mouth : and I will be with thy mouth, and with his
‘mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. And he shall
‘be thy spokesman unto the people : and he shall be, even
‘he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to
‘him instead of GOD. And thou shalt take this rod in thine
‘hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.’

And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law,
and said unto him, ‘Let me go, I pray thee, and return
‘unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether
‘they be yet alive.’ And Jethro said to Moses, ‘Go in
‘peace.’ And Moses took his wife and his sons, and he

returned to the land of Egypt : and Moses took the rod of God in his hand. And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘ When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do
‘ all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in
‘ thine hand : but I will harden his heart, that he shall not
‘ let the people go. And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus
‘ saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my first-born : and
‘ I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me :
‘ and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy
‘ son, even thy first-born.’

And the LORD said to Aaron—

‘ Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.’

And he went, and met him in the mount of GOD, and kissed him. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel : and Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. And the people believed : and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that HE had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, ‘ Thus saith the LORD GOD of Israel, Let my
‘ people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the
‘ wilderness.’ And Pharaoh said, ‘ Who is the LORD, that
‘ I should obey his voice to let Israel go ? I know not
‘ the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.’ And they said,
‘ The God of the Hebrews hath met with us : let us go,
‘ we pray thee, three days’ journey into the desert, and
‘ sacrifice unto the LORD our God ; lest HE fall upon us

‘with pestilence, or with the sword.’ And the king of Egypt said unto them, ‘Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto ‘your burdens.’ And Pharaoh said, ‘Behold, the people ‘of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from ‘their burdens.’

And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, ‘Ye shall no more ‘give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let ‘them go and gather straw for themselves. And the tale ‘of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall ‘lay upon them; ye shall not diminish aught thereof: ‘for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, “Let us go ‘and sacrifice to our God.” Let there more work be laid ‘upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let ‘them not regard vain words.’

And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, ‘Thus saith ‘Pharaoh, “I will not give you straw. Go ye, get you ‘straw where ye can find it: yet not aught of your work ‘shall be diminished.”’ So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw. And the taskmasters hasted them, saying, ‘Fulfil your works, your daily tasks, as when there ‘was straw.’ And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh’s taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, ‘Wherefore have ye not fulfilled ‘your task in making brick both yesterday and to-day, as ‘heretofore?’

Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, ‘Wherefore dealest thou thus ‘with thy servants? There is no straw given unto thy

'servants, and they say to us, "Make brick:" and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people.' But he said, 'Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, "Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD." Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.' And the officers of the children of Israel did see that they were in evil case, after it was said, 'Ye shall not minish aught from your bricks of your daily task.'

And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: and they said unto them, 'The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.'

And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, 'LORD, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people? why is it that thou hast sent me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.' Then the LORD said unto Moses—

'Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.'

And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him—

'I am the LORD: and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of GOD ALMIGHTY, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. Wherefore

'say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will
'bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians,
'and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem
'you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments :
'and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to
'you a GOD : and ye shall know that I am the LORD your
'GOD, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of
'the Egyptians. And I will bring you in unto the land,
'concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to
'Isaac, and to Jacob ; and I will give it you for an heri-
'tage : I am the LORD.'

And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel : but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

'Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the
'children of Israel go out of his land.'

And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, 'Behold, the
'children of Israel have not hearkened unto me ; how
'then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised
'lips ?' And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron,
and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and
unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of
Israel out of the land of Egypt.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, say-
ing—

'When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Show a
'miracle for you : then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take
'thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a
'serpent.'

And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did
so as the LORD had commanded : and Aaron cast down his
rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became

a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers : now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments: For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. And HE hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said—

And the LORD said unto Moses—

'Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go. Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD GOD of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldst not hear. Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water of the river.'

And the LORD spake unto Moses—

'Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.'

And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died;

and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river ; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments : and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them ; as the LORD had said. And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also. And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink ; for they could not drink of the water of the river. And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

And the LORD spake unto Moses—

'Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD,
'Let my people go, that they may serve me. And if thou
'refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders
'with frogs : and the river shall bring forth frogs abund-
'antly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and
'into thy bed-chamber, and upon thy bed, and into the
'house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine
'ovens, and into thy kneading-troughs : and the frogs shall
'come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all
'thy servants.'

And the LORD spake unto Moses—

'Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod
'over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and
'cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.'

And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt ; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said,
'Entreat the LORD, that HE may take away the frogs from
'me, and from my people ; and I will let the people go,

‘that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.’ And Moses said unto Pharaoh, ‘When shall I entreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only?’ And he said, ‘To-morrow.’ And he said, ‘Be it according to thy word : that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God. And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people ; they shall remain in the river only.’

And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh : and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which HE had brought against Pharaoh. And the LORD did according to the word of Moses ; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. And they gathered them together upon heaps : and the land stank. But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them ; as the LORD had said.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.’

And they did so ; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast ; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not : so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, ‘This is the finger of God :’ and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them ; as the LORD had said.



And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the LORD. And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and He removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one. And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

Then the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD GOD of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still, behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain. And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children’s of Israel.’

And the LORD appointed a set time, saying—

‘To-morrow the Lord shall do this thing in the land.’

And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron—

‘Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.’

And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before

Pharaoh ; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven ; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man and upon beast. And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils ; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians. And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them ; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘ Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD GOD of the Hebrews, ‘ Let my people go, that they may serve me. For I will at ‘ this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon ‘ thy servants, and upon thy people ; that thou mayest ‘ know that there is none like me in all the earth. For ‘ now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee ‘ and thy people with pestilence ; and thou shalt be cut off ‘ from the earth. And in very deed for this cause have I ‘ raised thee up, to show in thee my power ; and that my ‘ name may be declared throughout all the earth. As yet ‘ exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt ‘ not let them go ? behold, to-morrow about this time I will ‘ cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been ‘ in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now. ‘ Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that ‘ thou hast in the field ; for upon every man and beast ‘ which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought ‘ home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall ‘ die.’

He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses : and he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘ Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may ‘ be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon

‘beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.’

And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven : and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground ; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast ; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, ‘I have sinned this time : the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. Entreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail ; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.’ And Moses said unto him, ‘As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD ; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail ; that thou mayest know how that the earth is the LORD’s. But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God.’

And the flax and the barley were smitten : for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was bolled. But the wheat and the rye were not smitten : for they were not grown up.

And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD : and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the

earth. And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the childrer of Israel go ; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘ Go in unto Pharaoh ; for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might show these my signs before him : and that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son’s son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them ; that ye may know how that I am the LORD.’

And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, ‘ Thus saith the LORD GOD of the Hebrews, “ How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me ? let my people go, that they may serve me. Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to-morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast : and they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth : and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field : and they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians ; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers’ fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day.” ’ And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

And Pharaoh’s servants said unto him, ‘ How long shall this man be a snare unto us ? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their GOD : knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed ? ’ And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh : and he said unto them,

‘Go, serve the LORD your God: but who are they that shall go?’ And Moses said, ‘We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD.’ And he said unto them, ‘Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you. Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire.’ And they were driven out from Pharaoh’s presence.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left.’

And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, ‘I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and entreat the LORD your God, that He may take away from me this death only.’ And

he went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the LORD. And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red Sea ; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt. But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be
‘darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which
‘may be felt.’

And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven ; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days : they saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days : but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, ‘Go ye, ‘serve the LORD ; only let your flocks and your herds be ‘stayed : let your little ones also go with you.’ And Moses said, ‘Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt- ‘offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God. ‘Our cattle also shall go with us ; there shall not an hoof ‘be left behind ; for thereof must we take to serve the ‘LORD our GOD ; and we know not with what we must ‘serve the LORD, until we come thither.’

But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. And Pharaoh said unto him, ‘Get thee ‘from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more ; for ‘in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die.’ And Moses said, ‘Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again ‘no more.’

And Moses said, ‘Thus saith the LORD, “About mid- ‘night will I go out into the midst of Egypt : and all the

' first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the first-born of the maid-servant that is behind the mill ; and all the first-born of beasts. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast : that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee : and after that I will go out." And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying—

' This month shall be unto you the beginning of months : it shall be the first month of the year to you.

' Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house : and if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls ; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

' Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year : ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats : and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month : and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

' And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts, and on the upper door-post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

' And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with

'fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

'For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

'And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

'Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for who-soever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.'

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, 'Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two

‘ side posts with the blood that is in the basin ; and none
‘ of you shall go out at the door of his house until the
‘ morning. For the LORD will pass through to smite the
‘ Egyptians ; and when HE seeth the blood upon the
‘ lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass
‘ over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come
‘ in unto your houses to smite you. And ye shall observe
‘ this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for
‘ ever. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to
‘ the land which the LORD will give you, according as HE
‘ hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. And it
‘ shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you,
‘ “What mean ye by this service ?” that ye shall say,
‘ “It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s passover, who passed
‘ over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when
‘ HE smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses.”’
And the people bowed the head and worshipped. And
the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD
had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote
all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of
Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the first-born of the
captive that was in the dungeon ; and all the first-born of
cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his
servants, and all the Egyptians ; and there was a great cry
in Egypt ; for there was not a house where there was not
one dead.

And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said,
‘ Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both
‘ ye and the children of Israel ; and go, serve the LORD, as
‘ ye have said. Also take your flocks and your herds, as
‘ ye have said, and be gone ; and bless me also.’

And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste ; for they said, ' We be all dead men.'

And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, besides children. And a mixed multitude went up also with them ; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened ; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that GOD led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near ; for GOD said—

**' Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war,
' and they return to Egypt.'**

But GOD led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him : for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, ' GOD will surely visit you ; and ye shall ' carry up my bones away hence with you.'

And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way ; and by night in a pillar of fire, to

give them light ; to go by day and night : HE took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

‘Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, that he shall follow after them ; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host ; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD.’

And they did so.

And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled : and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, ‘Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?’ And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him : and he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel : and the children of Israel went out with an high hand. But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them ; and they were sore afraid ; and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto Moses, ‘Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou

‘ taken us away to die in the wilderness ? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt ? Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, “ Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians ? ” For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.’

And Moses said unto the people, ‘ Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which HE will show to you to-day : for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.’

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘ Wherefore criest thou unto me ? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward : but lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it : and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them : and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.’

And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them ; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them : and it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel ; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these : so that the one came not near the other all the night.

And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea ; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters

were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground : and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that in the morning-watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, and took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily : so that the Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the face of Israel ; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.' And the LORD said unto Moses—

'Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.'

And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared ; and the Egyptians fled against it ; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them ; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea ; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians ; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea-shore. And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians : and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying—

- ‘ I will sing unto the LORD, for HE hath triumphed
‘ gloriously :
- ‘ The horse and his rider hath HE thrown into the sea.
- ‘ The LORD is my strength and song,
- ‘ And HE is become my salvation :
- ‘ HE is my GOD, and I will prepare him an habitation ;
- ‘ My father’s GOD, and I will exalt him.
- ‘ The LORD is a man of war : the LORD is his name.
- ‘ Pharaoh’s chariots and his host hath HE cast into the
‘ sea :
- ‘ His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.
- ‘ The depths have covered them :
- ‘ They sank into the bottom as a stone.
- ‘ Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power :
- ‘ Thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the
‘ enemy.
- ‘ And in the greatness of thine excellency THOU hast over-
‘ thrown them that rose up against thee :
- ‘ THOU sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as
‘ stubble.
- ‘ And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were
‘ gathered together,
- ‘ The floods stood upright as an heap,
- ‘ And the depths were congealed in the heart of the
‘ sea.
- ‘ The enemy said, “ I will pursue, I will overtake,
- ‘ I will divide the spoil ; my lust shall be satisfied upon
‘ them ;
- ‘ I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.”

- ' THOU didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them :
- ' They sank as lead in the mighty waters. -
- ' Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods ?
- ' Who is like thee, glorious in holiness,
- ' Fearful in praises, doing wonders ?
- ' THOU stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed
' them.
- ' THOU in thy mercy hast led forth the people which THOU
' hast redeemed :
- ' THOU hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy
' habitation. .
- ' The people shall hear, and be afraid :
- ' Sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.
- ' Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed ;
- ' The mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon
' them ;
- ' All the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.
- ' Fear and dread shall fall upon them ;
- ' By the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a
' stone ;
- ' Till thy people pass over, O LORD,
- ' Till the people pass over, which THOU hast purchased.
- ' THOU shalt bring them in, and plant them in the moun-
' tain of thine inheritance,
- ' In the place, O LORD, which THOU hast made for thee
' to dwell in,
- ' In the Sanctuary, O LORD, which thy hands have estab-
' lished.
- ' The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.'

For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought

again the waters of the sea upon them ; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand ; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them—

‘ Sing ye to the LORD, for HE hath triumphed gloriously ;

‘ The horse and his rider hath HE thrown into the sea.’

So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur ; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter : therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, ‘ What shall we drink ? ’ And he cried unto the LORD ; and the LORD showed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm-trees : and they encamped there by the waters.

And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came into the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness : and the children of Israel said unto them, ‘ Would to God we had died by the hand

‘ of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by
‘ the flesh-pots, and when we did eat bread to the full;
‘ for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill
‘ this whole assembly with hunger.’

Then said the LORD unto Moses—

‘ Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the
‘ people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day,
‘ that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law,
‘ or no. And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day
‘ they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall
‘ be twice as much as they gather daily.’

And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel,
‘ At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought
‘ you out from the land of Egypt: and in the morning,
‘ then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that HE
‘ heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what
‘ are we, that ye murmur against us?’

And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole
congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked
toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD
appeared in a cloud. And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying—

‘ I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel:
‘ speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and
‘ in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall
‘ know that I am the LORD your GOD.’

And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up,
and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay
round about the host. And when the dew that lay was
gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay
a small round thing, as small as the hoar-frost upon the
ground. And when the children of Israel saw it, they

said one to another, 'It is manna : ' for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, ' This is the bread ' which the LORD hath given you to eat. This is the ' thing which the LORD hath commanded, " Gather of it ' every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, ' according to the number of your persons ; take ye every ' man for them which are in his tents." ' And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack ; they gathered every man according to his eating. And Moses said, ' Let no man leave of it till the morning.' Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses ; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank : and Moses was wroth with them. And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating : and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man : and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And he said unto them, ' This is that which the LORD hath said, ' " To-morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the ' LORD : bake that which ye will bake to-day, and seethe ' that ye will seethe ; and that which remaineth over lay up ' for you to be kept until the morning." ' And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade : and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, ' Eat that to-day ; for to-day is a sabbath unto the LORD : ' to-day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye ' shall gather it ; but on the seventh day, which is the ' sabbath, in it there shall be none.' And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the

seventh day to gather, and they found none. And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore He giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.’

So the people rested on the seventh day. And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

And Moses said, ‘This is the thing which the LORD commandeth, “Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.”’ And Moses said unto Aaron, ‘Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.’ As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.

And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink. Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, ‘Give us water that we may drink.’ And Moses said unto them, ‘Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?’ And the people thirsted there for

water ; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, ' Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of ' Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with ' thirst ? '

And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, ' What shall I ' do unto this people ? they be almost ready to stone me.' And the LORD said unto Moses—

' Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders ' of Israel ; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, ' take in thine hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before ' thee there upon the rock in Horeb ; and thou shalt smite ' the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the ' people may drink.'

And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, ' Is the LORD ' among us, or not ? '

Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said unto Joshua, ' Choose us out men, and go ' out, fight with Amalek : to-morrow I will stand on the ' top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.' So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek : and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed : and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy ; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon ; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side ; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘ Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.’

And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it JEHOVAH-nissi.

When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses’ father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt; then Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses’ wife, after he had sent her back, and her two sons, Gershom and Eliezer; and Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God: and he said unto Moses, ‘ I, thy father-in-law Jethro, am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.’ And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent. And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel’s sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them. And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians. And Jethro said, ‘ Blessed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they

‘dealt proudly HE was above them.’ And Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, took a burnt-offering and sacrifices for God : and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses’ father-in-law before God.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people : and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening. And when Moses’ father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, ‘What is ‘this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest ‘thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from ‘morning unto even?’ And Moses said unto his father-in-law, ‘Because the people come unto me to inquire of ‘God : when they have a matter, they come unto me ; ‘and I judge between one and another, and I do make ‘them know the statutes of God, and his laws.’ And Moses’ father-in-law said unto him, ‘The thing that thou ‘doest is not good. Thou wilt surely wear away, both ‘thou and this people that is with thee : for this thing ‘is too heavy for thee ; thou art not able to perform it ‘thyself alone. Hearken now unto my voice, I will give ‘thee counsel, and God shall be with thee : Be thou for ‘the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the ‘causes unto God : and thou shalt teach them ordinances ‘and laws, and shalt show them the way wherein they ‘must walk, and the work that they must do. Moreover ‘thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such ‘as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness ; and ‘place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and ‘rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens : ‘and let them judge the people at all seasons : and it ‘shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto ‘thee, but every small matter they shall judge : so shall it

‘be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee. If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.’

So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves. And Moses let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying—

‘Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.’

And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, ‘All that the LORD hath spoken we will

And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever.’

And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.
And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Go unto the people, and sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: there shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.’

And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with GOD; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake,

and God answered him by a voice. And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount : and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount ; and Moses went up. And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘ Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish. And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.’

And Moses said unto the LORD, ‘ The people cannot come up to mount Sinai : for thou chargedst us, saying, “ Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.” ’ And the LORD said unto him—

‘ Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee : but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest He break forth upon them.’

So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

And God spake all these words, saying—

‘ I am the LORD thy GOD, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

‘ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth : thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them : for I the LORD thy GOD am a jealous GOD, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me ; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

‘ Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy GOD in vain ; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

‘Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work : but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy GOD : in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates : for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day : wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

‘Honour thy father and thy mother : that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy GOD giveth thee.

‘Thou shalt not kill.

‘Thou shalt not commit adultery.

‘Thou shalt not steal.

‘Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

‘Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour’s.’

And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking : and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, ‘Speak thou with us, and we will hear : but let not God speak with us, lest we die.’ And Moses said unto the people, ‘Fear not : for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.’

And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness, where God was.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold. An altar of earth thou shalt make

' unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings,
' and thy peace-offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen : in all
' places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and
' I will bless thee.

' Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.
' Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread : (thou
' shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded
' thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib ; for in it
' thou camest out from Egypt : and none shall appear before
' me empty :) and the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy
' labours, which thou hast sown in the field : and the feast
' of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou
' hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. Three times
' in the year all thy males shall appear before the LORD
' GOD.

' Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the
' way, and to bring thee into the place which I have pre-
' pared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him
' not ; for he will not pardon your transgressions : for my
' name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice,
' and do all that I speak ; then I will be an enemy unto
' thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.
' For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in
' unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites,
' and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites : and I
' will cut them off. Thou shalt not bow down to their gods,
' nor serve them, nor do after their works : but thou shalt
' utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their
' images. And ye shall serve the LORD your GOD, and He
' shall bless thy bread, and thy water ; and I will take
' sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall no-
' thing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land : the
' number of thy days I will fulfil. I will send my fear
' before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou
' shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their
' backs unto thee. And I will send hornets before thee,
' which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the
' Hittite, from before thee. I will not drive them out from
' before thee in one year ; lest the land become desolate,

'and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

'And I will set thy bounds from the Red Sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee. Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.'

And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.' And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings of oxen unto the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, 'All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.' And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, 'Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.'

Then went up Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: and they saw the GOD of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire-stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of

Israel HE laid not his hand : also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Come up to me into the mount, and be there : and I will
‘give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments
‘which I have written ; that thou mayest teach them.’

And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua : and Moses went up into the mount of God. And he said unto the elders, ‘Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto
‘you : and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you : if any
‘man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.’

And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days : and the seventh day HE called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount : and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

And HE gave unto Moses, when HE had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, ‘Up, make us
‘gods, which shall go before us ; for as for this Moses, the
‘man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot
‘not what is become of him.’ And Aaron said unto them, ‘Break off the golden earrings, which are in the
‘ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters,

'and bring them unto me.' And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving-tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, 'These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.' And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, 'To-morrow is a feast to the LORD.' And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt-offerings, and brought peace-offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

'Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.'

And the LORD said unto Moses—

'I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people: now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.'

And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, 'LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt, with great power, and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, "For mischief did He bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?" Turn

‘from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, “I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.”’ And the LORD repented of the evil which He thought to do unto his people.

And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand : the tables were written on both their sides ; on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, ‘There is a noise of war in the camp.’ And he said, ‘It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome : but the noise of them that sing do I hear.’ And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing : and Moses’ anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount. And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and straved it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

And Moses said unto Aaron, ‘What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?’ And Aaron said, ‘Let not the anger of my lord wax hot : thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief. For they said unto me, “Make us gods, which shall go before us : for as for this Moses, the man

‘that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.” And I said unto them, “Who-soever hath any gold, let them break it off.” So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.’

Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, ‘Who is on the LORD’s side? let him come unto me.’ And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. And he said unto them, ‘Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, “Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.”’ And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, ‘Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.’ And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, ‘Oh! this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.’ And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.’

And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swear unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: and I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee, for thou art a stiff-necked people; lest I consume thee in the way.’

And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. For the LORD had said unto Moses—

‘Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiff-necked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.’

And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp. And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent-door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle.

And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses. And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle

door : and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door. And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp : but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

And Moses said unto the LORD, ' See, thou sayest unto me, " Bring up this people : " and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, " I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight." Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight : and consider that this nation is thy people.' And HE said—

' My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.'

And he said unto him, ' If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight ? is it not in that THOU goest with us ? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.'

And the LORD said unto Moses—

' I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken : for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.'

And he said, ' I beseech thee, show me thy glory.' And HE said—

' I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee ; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.'

And He said—

‘Thou canst not see my face : for there shall no man see me,
‘and live.’

And the LORD said—

‘Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon
‘a rock : and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth
‘by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will
‘cover thee with my hand while I pass by : and I will take
‘away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts : but
‘my face shall not be seen.’

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first : and I
‘will write upon these tables the words that were in the
‘first tables, which thou brakest. And be ready in the
‘morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai,
‘and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.
‘And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man
‘be seen throughout all the mount ; neither let the flocks
‘nor herds feed before that mount.’

And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first ;
and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto
mount Sināi, as the LORD had commanded him, and took
in his hand the two tables of stone. And the LORD de-
scended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and pro-
claimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by
before him, and proclaimed—

‘The LORD, the LORD GOD, merciful and gracious, long-
‘suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping
‘mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression
‘and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty ; visit-
‘ing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and
‘upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the
‘fourth generation.’

And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. And he said, 'If now I have 'found grace in thy sight, O LORD, let my LORD, I pray 'thee, go among us; for it is a stiff-necked people; and 'pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine 'inheritance.'

And He said—

'Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do 'marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor 'in any nation: and all the people among which thou art 'shall see the work of the LORD: for it is a terrible thing 'that I will do with thee. Observe thou that which I 'command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee 'the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the 'Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Take heed to 'thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of 'the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the 'midst of thee: but ye shall destroy their altars, break 'their images, and cut down their groves: for thou shalt 'worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is 'Jealous, is a jealous GOD: lest thou make a covenant with 'the inhabitants of the land, and do sacrifice unto their 'gods.

'The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven 'days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded 'thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month 'Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

'Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou 'shalt rest: in earing-time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

'And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the first- 'fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at 'the year's end.

'Thrice in the year shall all your men-children appear 'before the LORD GOD, the GOD of Israel.'

And the LORD said unto Moses—

**‘ Write thou these words : for after the tenor of these words
‘ I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.’**

And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights ; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses’ hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while HE talked with him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone ; and they were afraid to come nigh him. And Moses called unto them ; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him : and Moses talked with them. And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh : and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with HIM, he took the veil off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face shone : and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with HIM.

And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, ‘ These are the words which the LORD hath commanded, that ye should do them. Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest

‘ to the LORD : whosoever doeth work therein shall be put
‘ to death. Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habi-
‘ tations upon the sabbath day.’

And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, ‘ This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying, “ Take ye from among you an offering
‘ unto the LORD : whosoever is of a willing heart, let him
‘ bring it, an offering of the LORD ; gold, and silver, and
‘ brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen,
‘ and goats’ hair, and rams’ skins dyed red, and badgers’
‘ skins, and shittim-wood, and oil for the light, and spices
‘ for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, and onyx
‘ stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the
‘ breastplate. And every wise-hearted among you shall
‘ come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded ; the
‘ tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his
‘ boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets, the ark, and
‘ the staves thereof, with the mercy-seat, and the veil of
‘ the covering, the table, and his staves, and all his vessels,
‘ and the shewbread, the candlestick also for the light, and
‘ his furniture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light,
‘ and the incense-altar, and his staves, and the anointing
‘ oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door
‘ at the entering in of the tabernacle, the altar of burnt-
‘ offering, with his brasen grate, his staves, and all his
‘ vessels, the laver and his foot, the hangings of the court,
‘ his pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the
‘ door of the court, the pins of the tabernacle, and the pins
‘ of the court, and their cords, the cloths of service, to do
‘ service in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron
‘ the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in
‘ the priest’s office.” ’

And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed, from the presence of Moses. And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

And Moses said unto the children of Israel, 'See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and HE hath filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; and to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. And HE hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. Them hath HE filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.'

Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made; and they spake unto Moses, saying, 'The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make.' And

And he made curtains of goat-hair for the tent over the tabernacle, and he made a covering of skins of wild asses for the tent over the curtains. And he made a covering of skins of wild asses for the tent over the curtains. And he made a covering of skins of wild asses for the tent over the curtains. And he made a covering of skins of wild asses for the tent over the curtains.

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And he made a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubim made he it of cunning work.

And he made an hanging for the tabernacle door of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needlework.

And Bezaleel made the ark of shittim-wood: and he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about. And he cast for it four rings of gold, to be set by the four corners of it. And he made staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them

with gold. And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

And he made the mercy-seat of pure gold. And he made two cherubim of gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy-seat. And the cherubim spread out their wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another.

And he made the table of shittim wood : and he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about. Also he made thereunto a border of an handbreadth round about ; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about. And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that were in the four feet thereof. And he made the staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table.

And he made the candlestick of pure gold, and six branches going out of the sides thereof. And in the candlestick were four bowls made like almonds: all of it was one beaten work of pure gold.

And he made the incense-altar of shittim-wood. And he overlaid it with pure gold, both the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about. And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal. And he made the staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold. And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

And he made the altar of burnt-offering of shittim-wood.

And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it ; the horns thereof were of the same : and he overlaid it with brass. And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, and the flesh-hooks, and the firepans : all the vessels thereof made he of brass. And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, to be places for the staves. And he made the staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with brass. And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal.

And he made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass.

And he made the court. All the hangings of the court round about were of fine twined linen. And the sockets for the pillars were of brass ; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver ; and the overlaying of their chapiters of silver ; and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver. And the hanging for the gate of the court was needlework, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron ; as the LORD commanded Moses.

And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, with cunning work. And the curious-girdle of his ephod, that was upon it was of the same, according to the work thereof ; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen ; as the LORD commanded Moses.

And they wrought onyx-stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel. And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, that they should be stones for a memorial to the children of Israel ; as the LORD commanded Moses.

And he made the breastplate of cunning work, like the work of the ephod ; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. And they set it in four rows of stones : the first row was a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle. And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper : they were inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings. And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue. And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen. And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates.

And they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons, and a mitre of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen, and a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework ; as the LORD commanded Moses.

And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

'On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the
'tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. And thou
'shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the
'ark with the vail. And thou shalt bring in the table, and
'set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it;
'and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the
'lamps thereof. And thou shalt set the altar of gold for
'the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the
'hanging of the door to the tabernacle. And thou shalt
'set the altar of the burnt-offering before the door of the
'tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. And thou
'shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation
'and the altar, and shalt put water therein. And thou
'shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hang-
'ing at the court-gate. And thou shalt take the anointing-
'oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and
'shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall
'be holy. And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt-
'offering, and all his vessels, and-sanctify the altar: and it
'shall be an altar most holy. And thou shalt anoint the
'laver and his foot, and sanctify it. And thou shalt bring
'Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the
'congregation, and wash them with water. And thou shalt
'put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and
'sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's
'office. And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them
'with coats: and thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst
'anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in
'the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an
'everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.'

Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD com-
manded him, so did he.

Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and
the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses
was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, be-
cause the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD

filled the tabernacle. And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys : but if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS.

MOSES—(Continued).

AND it came to pass, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel ; and he said unto Aaron, ‘ Take ‘ thee a young calf for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt- ‘ offering, without blemish, and offer them before the LORD. ‘ And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, ‘ “ Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin-offering ; and a calf ‘ and a lamb, both of the first year, without blemish, for a ‘ burnt-offering ; also a bullock and a ram for peace-off- ‘ ings, to sacrifice before the LORD ; and a meat-offering ‘ mingled with oil : for to-day the LORD will appear unto ‘ you.” ’

And they brought that which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation : and all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD. And Moses said, ‘ This is the thing which the LORD commanded that

‘ye should do : and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.’

And Moses said unto Aaron, ‘Go unto the altar, and offer thy sin-offering, and thy burnt-offering, and make an atonement for thyself, and for the people : and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them ; as the LORD commanded.’

Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin-offering, which was for himself. And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him : and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar : but the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the sin-offering, he burnt upon the altar ; as the LORD commanded Moses. And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp. And he slew the burnt-offering ; and Aaron’s sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar. And they presented the burnt-offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head : and he burnt them upon the altar. And he did wash the inwards and the legs, and burnt them upon the burnt-offering on the altar.

And he brought the people’s offering, and took the goat, which was the sin-offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first. And he brought the burnt-offering, and offered it according to the manner. And he brought the meat-offering, and took an handful thereof, and burnt it upon the altar, beside the burnt sacrifice of the morning. He slew also the bullock and the ram for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, which was for the people : and Aaron’s sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about, and the fat of the

bullock and of the ram, the rump, and that which covereth the inwards, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver : and they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar : and the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron waved for a wave-offering before the LORD ; as Moses commanded.

And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and peace-offerings. And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people : and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.

And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt-offering and the fat : which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which HE commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. Then Moses said unto Aaron, 'This is it that the LORD spake, saying, "I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified."' And Aaron held his peace. And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, 'Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.' So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp ; as Moses had said.

And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, 'Uncover not your heads, neither



'sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness : and the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited : and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

'And this shall be a statute for ever unto you : that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you : for on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.'

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

'Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Six days shall work be done : but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation ; ye shall do no work therein : it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

'In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD : seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.'

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

'Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest : and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you : on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he-lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt-offering unto the LORD. And the meat-offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour : and the drink-offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin. And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day

'that ye have brought an offering unto your GOD: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

'And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new-meat-offering unto the LORD.

'And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean ridings of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor and to the stranger: I am the LORD your GOD.'

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

'Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

'Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.'

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

'Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD. On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein. Also in the fifteenth day of the

'seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm-trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your GOD seven days. And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt.'

And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying—

'Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD. Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; but in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land.

'And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. A jubilee shall that

'fiftieth year be unto you : ye shall not sow, neither reap
'that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes
'in it of thy vine undressed.

'Ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and
'do them ; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. And
'the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill,
'and dwell therein in safety. And if ye shall say, What
'shall we eat the seventh year ? behold, we shall not sow,
'nor gather in our increase : then I will command my
'blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring
'forth fruit for three years. And ye shall sow the eighth
'year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year ; until
'her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.

'And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay
'with thee ; then thou shalt relieve him : yea, though he
'be a stranger, or a sojourner ; that he may live with thee.
'Take thou no usury of him, or increase : but fear thy
'GOD ; that thy brother may live with thee.

'Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither
'rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any
'image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it : for I
'am the LORD your GOD. Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and
'reverence my sanctuary : I am the LORD.

'If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments,
'and do them ; then I will give you rain in due season,
'and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the
'field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall
'reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto
'the sowing-time : and ye shall eat your bread to the full,
'and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in
'the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you
'afraid : and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither
'shall the sword go through your land. And ye shall
'chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the
'sword. And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an
'hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight : and your
'enemies shall fall before you by the sword. For I will
'have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and mul-
'tiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

' But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; and if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass; and your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits. And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate. And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

' And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you. And I will make your cities

'waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I
'will not smell the savour of your sweet odours. And I
'will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies
'which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And I will
'scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword
'after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your
'cities waste. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as
'long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land;
'even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.
'As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did
'not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it. And
'upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faint-
'ness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and
'the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they
'shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall
'when none pursueth. And they shall fall one upon an-
'other, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth:
'and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.
'And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of
'your enemies shall eat you up. And they that are left of
'you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies'
'lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall
'they pine away with them. If they shall confess their
'iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their
'trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also
'they have walked contrary unto me; and that I also have
'walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into
'the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised
'hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punish-
'ment of their iniquity: then will I remember my covenant
'with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also
'my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will
'remember the land.

'And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the
'land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy
'unto the LORD. And if a man will at all redeem aught
'of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof.'

THE BOOK OF NUMBERS.

MOSES—(Continued).

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

'Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee. When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward. When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations. And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your GOD, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your GOD: I am the LORD your GOD.'

And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony. And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran. And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nathaneel the son of Zuar. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon. And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, bearing the tabernacle. And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elizur the son of Shedeur. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel. And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and the other did set up the tabernacle against they came. And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni. And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, which was the rereward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. And over the host of

the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan. Thus were the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their armies, when they set forward.

And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, 'We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, "I will give it you : " come thou with us, and we will do thee good : for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel.' And he said unto him, 'I will not go ; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.' And he said, 'Leave us not, I pray thee ; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes. And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.'

And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey : and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting-place for them. And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, 'Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered ; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.' And when it rested, he said, 'Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.'

And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD : and the LORD heard it ; and his anger was kindled ; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp. And the people cried unto Moses ; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched. And he called the name

of the place Taberah : because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting : and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, ' Who shall give us flesh to eat ? We remember the ' fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely ; the cucumbers, ' and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the ' garlic : but now our soul is dried away : there is nothing ' at all, besides this manna, before our eyes.' And the manna was as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium. And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it : and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil. And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent : and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly ; Moses also was displeased. And Moses said unto the LORD, ' Wherefore hast THOU ' afflicted thy servant ? and wherefore have I not found ' favour in thy sight, that THOU layest the burden of all ' this people upon me ? Have I conceived all this people ? ' have I begotten them, that THOU shouldest say unto me, ' " Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing-father beareth ' the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto ' their fathers ? " Whence should I have flesh to give unto ' all this people ? for they weep unto me, saying, " Give us ' flesh, that we may eat." I am not able to bear all this ' people alone, because it is too heavy for me. And if ' THOU deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of ' hand, if I have found favour in thy sight ; and let me ' not see my wretchedness.'

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone. And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; but even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?’

And Moses said, ‘The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, “I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.” Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?’ And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Is the LORD’s hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.’

And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle. And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit

rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease. But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad : and the spirit rested upon them ; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle : and they prophesied in the camp. And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, ‘ Eldad and Medad do ‘ prophesy in the camp.’ And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, ‘ My lord Moses, forbid them.’ And Moses said unto him, ‘ Enviest thou for my sake ? would God that all the LORD’s ‘ people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his ‘ spirit upon them !’ And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day’s journey on this side, and as it were a day’s journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth. And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails : he that gathered least gathered ten homers : and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp. And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague. And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah : because there they buried the people that lusted.

And the people journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah unto Hazereth ; and abode at Hazereth.

And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married : for he had

married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, 'Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath HE not spoken also by us?' And the LORD heard it. (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.) And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam—

'Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation.'

And they three came out. And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. And HE said—

'Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?'

And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and HE departed. And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous. And Aaron said unto Moses, 'Alas! my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.' And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, 'Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.' And the LORD said unto Moses—

'Let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.'

And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and

the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.

And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

‘Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan,
‘which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of
‘their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among
‘them.’

And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, ‘Get you up this way southward, and ‘go up into the mountain: and see the land, what it is; ‘and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be ‘strong or weak, few or many; and what the land is that ‘they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what ‘cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in ‘strongholds; and what the land is, whether it be fat or ‘lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye ‘of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land.’ Now the time was the time of the first-ripe grapes. So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath. And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron.

And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs. The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence. And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the

wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh ; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, and said, ' We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and ' surely it floweth with milk and honey ; and this is the ' fruit of it. Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell ' in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great : ' and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. The ' Amalekites dwell in the land of the south : and the Hit- ' tites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the ' mountains : and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by ' the coast of Jordan.' And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, ' Let us go up at once, and possess it ; ' for we are well able to overcome it.' But the men that went up with him said, ' We be not able to go up against ' the people ; for they are stronger than we.' And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, ' The land, ' through which we have gone to search it, is a land that ' eateth up the inhabitants thereof ; and all the people that ' we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we ' saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the ' giants : and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, ' and so we were in their sight.'

And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried ; and the people wept that night. And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron : and the whole congregation said unto them, ' Would God that ' we had died in the land of Egypt ! or would God we had ' died in this wilderness ! And wherefore hath the LORD ' brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our ' wives and our children should be a prey ? were it not

‘better for us to return into Egypt?’ And they said one to another, ‘Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.’

Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: and they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, ‘The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. If the LORD delight in us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.’

But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have showed among them? I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they?’

And Moses said unto the LORD, ‘Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;) and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day-time in a pillar of a cloud,

‘ and in a pillar of fire by night. Now if thou shalt kill
‘ all this people as one man, then the nations which have
‘ heard the fame of thee will speak, saying, “ Because the
‘ LORD was not able to bring this people into the land
‘ which He swore unto them, therefore He hath slain them
‘ in the wilderness.” And now, I beseech thee, let the
‘ power of my LORD be great, according as thou hast spoken,
‘ saying, “ The LORD is long-suffering, and of great mercy,
‘ forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means
‘ clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers
‘ upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.”
‘ Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people accord-
‘ ing unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast
‘ forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.’

And the LORD said—

‘ I have pardoned according to thy word : but as truly as I
‘ live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the
‘ LORD. Because all those men which have seen my glory,
‘ and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilder-
‘ ness, have tempted me now these ten times, and have not
‘ hearkened to my voice ; surely they shall not see the land
‘ which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them
‘ that provoked me see it : but my servant Caleb, because
‘ he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me
‘ fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went ;
‘ and his seed shall possess it. To-morrow turn you, and
‘ get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.’

And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron,
saying—

‘ How long shall I bear with this evil congregation,
‘ which murmur against me ? I have heard the murmur-
‘ ings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against
‘ me. Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD,
‘ as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you :
‘ your carcases shall fall in this wilderness ; and all that

'were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me, doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. But as for you, your carcases, they shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years. After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.'

And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land, even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD. But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly. And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, 'Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.' And Moses said, 'Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper. Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies. For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away

‘ from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.’ But they presumed to go up unto the hill top : nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp.

Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah.

Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men : and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown : and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, ‘ Ye take too much upon you, ‘ seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, ‘ and the LORD is among them : wherefore then lift ye up ‘ yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?’

And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face : and he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, ‘ Even to-morrow the LORD will show who are his, and ‘ who is holy ; and will cause him to come near unto HIM : ‘ even him whom HE hath chosen will HE cause to come ‘ near unto HIM. This do ; take you censers, Korah, and ‘ all his company ; and put fire therein, and put incense ‘ in them before the LORD to-morrow : and it shall be ‘ that the man whom the LORD doth choose, he shall be ‘ holy : ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.’ And Moses said unto Korah, ‘ Hear, I pray you, ye sons ‘ of Levi : seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that ‘ the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the

‘service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them? And He hath brought thee near to HIM, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also? For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?’

And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, ‘We will not come up: is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us? Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.’ And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, ‘Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.’ And Moses said unto Korah, ‘Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to-morrow: and take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each of you his censer.’

And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron. And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying—

**‘Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that
‘I may consume them in a moment.’**

And they fell upon their faces, and said, ‘O God, the
‘God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and
‘wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?’ And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

**‘Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from
‘about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.’**

And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram ;
and the elders of Israel followed him. And he spake
unto the congregation, saying, ‘Depart, I pray you, from
‘the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of
‘theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.’ So they
gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram,
on every side : and Dathan and Abiram came out, and
stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their
sons, and their little children. And Moses said, ‘Hereby
‘ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these
‘works ; for I have not done them of mine own mind.
‘If these men die the common death of all men, or if they
‘be visited after the visitation of all men ; then the LORD
‘hath not sent me. But if the LORD make a new thing,
‘and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up,
‘with all that appertain unto them, and they go down
‘quick into the pit ; then ye shall understand that these
‘men have provoked the LORD.’

And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking
all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was
under them : and the earth opened her mouth, and
swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men
that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. They,

and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them : and they perished from among the congregation. And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them : for they said, ' Lest the earth swallow us up also.' And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

' Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are hallowed. The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel.'

And Eleazar the priest took the brasen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad plates for a covering of the altar: to be a memorial unto the children of Israel, that no stranger, which is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, ' Ye have killed the people of the LORD.' And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared. And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

'Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment.'

And they fell upon their faces. And Moses said unto Aaron, 'Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.' And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah. And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

'Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers. And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you. And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you.'

And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods:

and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness.

And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds. And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Bring Aaron’s rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me that they die not.’

Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, ‘Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there? And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.’

And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the

LORD appeared unto them. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

‘Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.’

And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as HE commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, ‘Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?’ And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron—

‘Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.’

This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and HE was sanctified in them.

And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, ‘Thus saith thy brother Israel, “Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us: how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers: and when we cried unto the LORD, HE heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border: let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country:

'we will not pass through the fields, or, through the vine-yards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells: 'we will go by the king's high-way, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders.'" And Edom said unto him, 'Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.' And the children of Israel said unto him, 'We will go by the high-way: and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only, without doing anything else, go through on my feet.' And he said, 'Thou shalt not go through.' And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand. Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him.

And the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh, and came unto mount Hor.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying—

'Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah. Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor: and strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there.'

And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount. And when all the congregation saw that Aaron

was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel.

And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom : and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, ' Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness ? for there is no bread, neither is there any water ; and our soul loatheth this light bread.' And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people ; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, ' We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee ; pray unto the LORD, that HE take away the serpents from us.' And Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said unto Moses—

' Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole : and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.'

And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in Obboth.

And they journeyed from Obboth, and pitched at Ijeabarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the sun-rising.

From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared. From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wilderness that

cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites : for Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah : and from Mattanah to Nahaliel : and from Nahaliel to Bamoth : and from Bamoth in the valley, that is in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looketh toward Jeshimon.

And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, ' Let me pass through thy land : we ' will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards ; we ' will not drink of the waters of the well : but we will go ' along by the king's high-way, until we be past thy ' borders.' And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border : but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness : and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel. And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon : for the border of the children of Ammon was strong. And Israel took all these cities : and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all the villages thereof. For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon.

Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites. And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that were there.

And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan : and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei. And the LORD said unto Moses—

**'Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and
'all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as
'thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt
'at Heshbon.'**

So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.

And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho.

And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel. And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, 'Now shall this company lick up all that
'are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the
'field.' And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time. He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, 'Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt:
'behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide
'over against me: come now therefore, I pray thee, curse
'me this people; for they are too mighty for me: perad-
'venture I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and
'that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that
'he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou
'cursest is cursed.' And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak. And he said unto them, 'Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again,
'as the LORD shall speak unto me: and the princes of
'Moab abode with Balaam.'

And GOD came unto Balaam, and said—

‘What men are these with thee?’

And Balaam said unto GOD, ‘Balak the-son of Zippor, ‘king of Moab, hath sent unto me, saying, “Behold, there ‘is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face ‘of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I ‘shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.”’ And GOD said unto Balaam—

‘Thou shalt not go with them: thou shalt not curse the ‘people: for they are blessed.’

And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, ‘Get you into your land: for the LORD ‘refuseth to give me leave to go with you.’ And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, ‘Balaam refuseth to come with us.’

And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they. And they came to Balaam, and said to him, ‘Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, “Let ‘nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me: ‘for I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I ‘will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, ‘I pray thee, curse me this people.”’ And, Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, ‘If Balak ‘would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot ‘go beyond the word of the LORD my GOD, to do less or ‘more. Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this ‘night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me ‘more.’

And GOD came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him—

'If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them;
'but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt
'thou do.'

And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff. And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, 'What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?' And Balaam said unto the ass, 'Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.' And the ass said unto Balaam, 'Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee?' And he said, 'Nay.' Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way

and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face. And the angel of the LORD said unto him, 'Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me: and the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.' And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, 'I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.' And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, 'Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak.'

So Balaam went with the princes of Balak. And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost coast. And Balak said unto Balaam, 'Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?' And Balaam said unto Balak, 'Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say anything? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.'

And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjath-huzoth. And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people. And Balaam said unto Balak, 'Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.' And

Balak did as Balaam had spoken ; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram. And Balaam said unto Balak, 'Stand by thy burnt-offering, and I will go : peradventure the LORD will come to meet me : and whatsoever HE showeth me I will tell thee.' And he went to an high place. And GOD met Balaam : and he said unto HIM, 'I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.' And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said—

'Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.'

And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab. And he took up his parable, and said—

'Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram,
'Out of the mountains of the east, saying,
'"Come, curse me Jacob,
'And come, defy Israel."
'How shall I curse, whom GOD hath not cursed ?
'Or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied ?
'For from the top of the rocks I see him,
'And from the hills I behold him :
'Lo, the people shall dwell alone,
'And shall not be reckoned among the nations.
'Who can count the dust of Jacob,
'And the number of the fourth part of Israel ?
'Let me die the death of the righteous,
'And let my last end be like his !'

And Balak said unto Balaam, 'What hast thou done unto me ? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.' And he

answered and said, 'Must I not take heed to speak that
'which the LORD hath put in my mouth?'

And Balak said unto him, 'Come, I pray thee, with me
'unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them :
'thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and thou
'shalt not see them all : and curse me them from thence.'
And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top
of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and
a ram on every altar. And he said unto Balak, 'Stand
'here by thy burnt-offering, while I meet the LORD
'yonder.' And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word
in his mouth, and said—

'Go again unto Balak, and say thus.'

And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt-
offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak
said unto him, 'What hath the LORD spoken?' And he
took up his parable, and said—

'Rise up, Balak, and hear ;
'Hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor :
'God is not a man, that HE should lie ;
'Neither the son of man, that HE should repent :
'Hath HE said—and shall HE not do it ?
'Or hath HE spoken—and shall HE not make it good ?
'Behold, I have received commandment to bless :
'And HE hath blessed ; and I cannot reverse it.
'HE hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob,
'Neither hath HE seen perverseness in Israel :
'The LORD his GOD is with him,
'And the shout of a king is among them.
'God brought them out of Egypt ;
'HE hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.

' Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob,
' Neither is there any divination against Israel :
' According to this time it shall be said of Jacob
' And of Israel, " What hath God wrought !"
' Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion,
' And lift up himself as a young lion :
' He shall not lie down until he eat of the prey,
' And drink the blood of the slain.'

And Balak said unto Balaam, ' Neither curse them at
' all, nor bless them at all.' But Balaam answered and
said unto Balak, ' Told not I thee, saying, " All that the
' LORD speaketh, that I must do ? "'

And Balak said unto Balaam, ' Come, I pray thee, I
' will bring thee unto another place ; peradventure it will
' please GOD that thou mayest curse me them from thence.'
And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that
looketh toward Jeshimon. And Balaam said unto Balak,
' Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven
' bullocks and seven rams.' And Balak did as Balaam
had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on every
altar.

And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless
Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchant-
ments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. And
Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding
in his tents according to their tribes ; and the spirit
of God came upon him. And he took up his parable,
and said—

' Balaam the son of Beor hath said,
' And the man whose eyes are open hath said :

‘ He hath said, which heard the words of God,
‘ Which saw the vision of the ALMIGHTY,
‘ Falling into a trance, but having his eyes open :
‘ How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob !
‘ And thy tabernacles, O Israel !
‘ As the valleys are they spread forth,
‘ As gardens by the river’s side,
‘ As the trees of lign-aloes which the LORD hath planted,
‘ And as cedar-trees beside the waters.
‘ He shall pour the water out of his buckets,
‘ And his seed shall be in many waters,
‘ And his king shall be higher than Agag,
‘ And his kingdom shall be exalted.
‘ God brought him forth out of Egypt ;
‘ He hath as it were the strength of an unicorn :
‘ He shall eat up the nations his enemies,
‘ And shall break their bones,
‘ And pierce them through with his arrows.
‘ He couched, he lay down as a lion,
‘ And as a great lion : who shall stir him up ?
‘ Blessed is he that blesseth thee,
‘ And cursed is he that curseth thee.’

And Balak’s anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together : and Balak said unto Balaam, ‘ I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times. Therefore now flee thou to thy place : I thought to promote thee unto great honour ; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour.’ And Balaam said unto Balak, ‘ Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying, “ If Balak would give me his house full of silver

‘and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the
‘LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind ; but
‘what the LORD saith, that will I speak ?” And now, be-
‘hold, I go unto my people : come therefore, and I will
‘advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people
‘in the latter days.’ And he took up his parable, and
said—

‘Balaam the son of Beor hath said,
‘And the man whose eyes are open hath said :
‘He hath said, which heard the words of God,
‘And knew the knowledge of the MOST HIGH,
‘Which saw the vision of the ALMIGHTY,
‘Falling into a trance, but having his eyes open :
‘I shall see him—but not now :
‘I shall behold him—but not nigh :
‘There shall come a Star out of Jacob,
‘And a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel,
‘And shall smite the corners of Moab,
‘And destroy all the children of Sheth.
‘And Edom shall be a possession,
‘Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies ;
‘And Israel shall do valiantly.
‘Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion,
‘And shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.’

And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable,
and said—

‘Amalek was the first of the nations ;
‘But his latter end shall be that he perish for ever.’

And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable,
and said—

‘ Strong is thy dwelling-place,
‘ And thou puttest thy nest in a rock.
‘ Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted,
‘ Until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.’

And he took up his parable, and said—

‘ Alas ! who shall live
‘ When GOD doeth this ?
‘ And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim,
‘ And shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber,
‘ And he also shall perish for ever.’

And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place : and Balak also went his way.

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘ Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land
‘ which I have given unto the children of Israel. And when
‘ thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy
‘ people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered. For ye re-
‘ belled against my commandment in the desert of Zin, in
‘ the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water
‘ before their eyes : that is the water of Meribah in Kadesh
‘ in the wilderness of Zin.’

And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying, ‘ Let the LORD,
‘ the GOD of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the con-
‘ gregation, which may go out before them, and which may
‘ go in before them, and which may lead them out, and
‘ which may bring them in ; that the congregation of the
‘ LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.’

And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘ Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the
‘ spirit, and lay thine hand upon him ; and set him before

‘Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.’

And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: and he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

‘Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.’

And Moses spake unto the people, saying, ‘Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and avenge the LORD of Midian. Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.’ So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his hand. And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the males. And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword. And the children of Israel too¹

all the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods. And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire. And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of men and of beasts. And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by Jordan near Jericho.

And the officers which were over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses: and they said unto Moses, 'Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war which are under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us. We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD.' And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, even all wrought jewels. And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels. (For the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.) And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, for a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the

place was a place for cattle; the children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying, 'Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon, even the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle: wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan.'

And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, 'Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here? And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them? Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land. For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them. And the LORD's anger was kindled the same time, and HE sware, saying, "Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD." And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and HE made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed. And, behold, ye are risen up in your father's stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the

‘fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel. For if ye turn away from after him, HE will yet again leave them in the wilderness ; and ye shall destroy all this people.’

And they came near unto him, and said, ‘We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones : but we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place : and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land. We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward ; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.’

And Moses said unto them, ‘If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war, and will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until HE hath driven out his enemies from before him, and the land be subdued before the LORD : then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel ; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD. But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD : and be sure your sin will find you out. Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep ; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.’

And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, ‘Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth. Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead : but thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord saith.’ So con-

cerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel : and Moses said unto them, ' If
' the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass
' with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before
' the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you ;
' then shall ye give them the land of Gilead for a possession :
' but if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall
' have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.' And
the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered,
saying, ' As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will
' we do. We will pass over armed before the LORD into
' the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance
' on this side Jordan may be ours.'

And Moses gave unto them, even to the children of Gad,
and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of
Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of
the 'Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the
land, with the cities thereof in the coasts, even the cities
of the country round about.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

' Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When
' ye come into the land of Canaan, then your south quarter
' shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the coast of
' Edom, and your south border shall be the outmost coast
' of the salt sea eastward : and your border shall turn from
' the south to the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass on to Zin :
' and the going forth thereof shall be from the south to
' Kadesh-barnes, and shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass
' on to Azmon : and the border shall fetch a compass from
' Azmon unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it
' shall be at the sea.

' And as for the western border, ye shall even have the
' great sea for a border : this shall be your west border.

'And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall point out for you mount Hor: from mount Hor ye shall point out your border unto the entrance of Hamath; and the goings forth of the border shall be to Zedad: and the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazar-enan: this shall be your north border.

'And ye shall point out your east border from Hazar-enan to Shepham: and the coast shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall descend, and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward: and the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt sea: this shall be your land with the coasts thereof round about.'

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

'Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give also unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them.'

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying—

'Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Canaan; then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares. And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment.'

THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY.

MOSES—(Continued).

AND the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge.’

And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation. And the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle. And the LORD said unto Moses—

‘Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our GOD is not among us? And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods. Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swore unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they

'shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat;
'then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and
'provoke me, and break my covenant. And it shall come
'to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them,
'that this song shall testify against them as a witness;
'for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their
'seed: for I know their imagination which they go about,
'even now, before I have brought them into the land which
'I swear.'

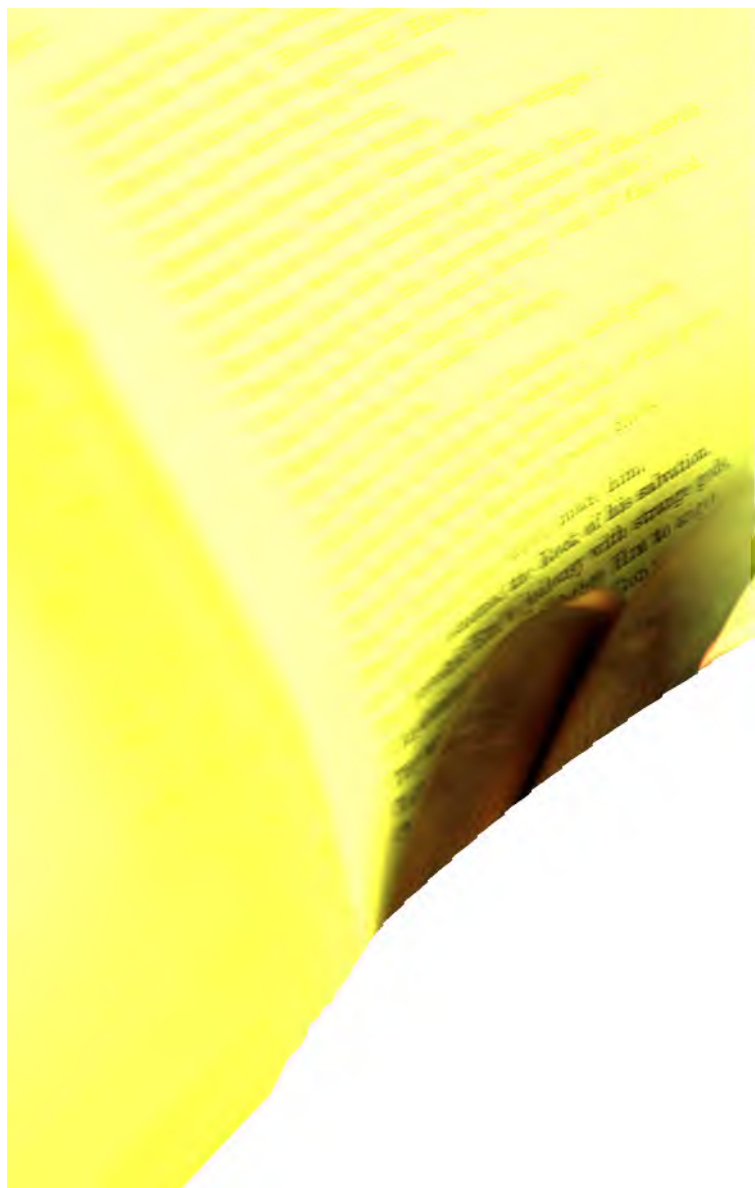
Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel. And HE gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said—

'Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the
'children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them;
'and I will be with thee.'

And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, that Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, 'Take this
'book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the
'covenant of the LORD your GOD, that it may be there for
'a witness against thee. For I know thy rebellion, and
'thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you
'this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and
'how much more after my death! Gather unto me all the
'elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak
'these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to
'record against them. For I know that after my death ye
'will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the
'way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall
'you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the
'sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the
'work of your hands.'

And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended—

- ‘ Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak ;
- ‘ And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
- ‘ My doctrine shall drop as the rain,
- ‘ My speech shall distil as the dew,
- ‘ As the small rain upon the tender herb,
- ‘ And as the showers upon the grass :
- ‘ Because I will publish the name of the LORD :
- ‘ Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.
- ‘ HE is the Rock, His work is perfect :
- ‘ For all His ways are judgment :
- ‘ A GOD of truth and without iniquity,
- ‘ Just and right is HE.
- ‘ They have corrupted themselves,
- ‘ Their spot is not the spot of His children :
- ‘ They are a perverse and crooked generation.
- ‘ Do ye thus requite the LORD,
- ‘ O foolish people and unwise ?
- ‘ Is not HE thy Father that hath bought thee ?
- ‘ Hath HE not made thee, and established thee ?
- ‘ Remember the days of old,
- ‘ Consider the years of many generations :
- ‘ Ask thy father—and he will show thee ;
- ‘ Thy elders—and they will tell thee.
- ‘ When the MOST HIGH divided to the nations their inheritance,
- ‘ When HE separated the sons of Adam,
- ‘ HE set the bounds of the people
- ‘ According to the number of the children of Israel.
- ‘ For the LORD’s portion is His people ;



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' Lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely,
' And lest they should say, Our hand is high,
' And the LORD hath not done all this.
' For they are a nation void of counsel,
' Neither is there any understanding in them.
' O that they were wise, that they understood this,
' That they would consider their latter end !
' How should one chase a thousand,
' And two put ten thousand to flight,
' Except their Rock had sold them,
' And the LORD had shut them up ?
' For their rock is not as our Rock,
' Even our enemies themselves being judges.
' For their vine is of the vine of Sodom,
' And of the fields of Gomorrah :
' Their grapes are grapes of gall,
' Their clusters are bitter :
' Their wine is the poison of dragons,
' And the cruel venom of asps.
' Is not this laid up in store with Me,
' And sealed up among My treasures ?
' To Me belongeth vengeance and recompence ;
' Their foot shall slide in due time ;
' For the day of their calamity is at hand,
' And the things that shall come upon them make haste.
' For the LORD shall judge His people,
' And repent Himself for His servants,
' When He seeth that their power is gone,
' And there is none shut up, or left.
' And He shall say, Where are their gods,
' Their rock in whom they trusted,
' Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices,

- ‘ And drank the wine of their drink-offerings ?
‘ Let them rise up and help you,
‘ And be your protection.
‘ See now that I, even I, am HE,
‘ And there is no god with ME :
‘ I kill, and I make alive ;
‘ I wound, and I heal :
Neither is there any that can deliver out of My hand.
‘ For I lift up My hand to heaven,
‘ And say, I live for ever.
‘ If I whet My glittering sword,
‘ And Mine hand take hold on judgment ;
‘ I will render vengeance to Mine enemies,
‘ And will reward them that hate ME.
‘ I will make Mine arrows drunk with blood,
‘ And My sword shall devour flesh ;
‘ And that with the blood of the slain and of the captives,
‘ From the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.
‘ Rejoice, O ye nations, with His people :
‘ For HE will avenge the blood of His servants,
‘ And will render vengeance to His adversaries,
‘ And will be merciful unto His land, and to His people.’

And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.

And the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying—

- ‘ Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo,
‘ which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho ;
‘ and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the
‘ children of Israel for a possession : and die in the mount
‘ whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people ;

'as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered
'unto his people.'

And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea, and the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm-trees, unto Zoar. And the LORD said unto him—

. 'This is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac,
'and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed : I
'have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt
'not go over thither.'

So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died : his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days.

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA.

JOSHUA

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying—

'Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy GOD is with thee whithersoever thou goest.'

Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 'Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, "Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your GOD giveth you to possess it."'

And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, 'Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, "The LORD your GOD hath given you rest, and hath given you this land." Your wives,

‘ your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land
‘ which Moses gave you on this side Jordan ; but ye shall
‘ pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of
‘ valour, and help them ; until the LORD have given your
‘ brethren rest, as HE hath given you, and they also have
‘ possessed the land which the LORD your GOD giveth them :
‘ then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and
‘ enjoy it, which Moses the LORD’s servant gave you on
‘ this side Jordan toward the sunrising.’

And they answered Joshua, saying, ‘ All that thou com-
‘ mandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest
‘ us, we will go. According as we hearkened unto Moses
‘ in all things, so will we hearken unto thee : only the
‘ LORD thy GOD be with thee, as HE was with Moses.
‘ Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy command-
‘ ment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that
‘ thou commandest him, he shall be put to death : only
‘ be strong and of a good courage.’

And Joshua rose early in the morning ; and they re-
moved from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the
children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.
And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went
through the host ; and they commanded the people, say-
ing, ‘ When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD
‘ your GOD, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then
‘ ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. Yet
‘ there shall be a space between you and it, about two
‘ thousand cubits by measure : come not near unto it, that
‘ ye may know the way by which ye must go : for ye have
‘ not passed this way heretofore.’

And Joshua said unto the people, ‘ Sanctify yourselves :
‘ for to-morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.’

And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, 'Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people.' And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

And the LORD said unto Joshua—

'This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.'

And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, 'Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.' And Joshua said, 'Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. Behold, the ark of the covenant of the LORD of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.' Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the LORD of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.'

And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; and as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of

the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) that the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua saying—

‘Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe
‘a man, and command ye them, saying, Take you hence
‘out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the
‘priests’ feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry
‘them over with you, and leave them in the lodging-place,
‘where ye shall lodge this night.’

Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: and Joshua said unto them, ‘Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: that this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, “What mean ye by these stones?” Then ye shall answer them, “That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off:”

‘and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.’

And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying—

‘Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, ‘Come ye up out of Jordan.’ And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests’ feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before.

And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho. And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at-even in the plains of Jericho. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day. And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten

of the old corn of the land ; neither had the children of Israel manna any more ; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

And the LORD said unto Joshua —

‘ See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams’ horns : and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout ; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.’

And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, ‘ Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD.’ And he said unto the people, ‘ Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the LORD.’

And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets : and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rereward came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets. And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, ‘ Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout ; then shall ye

‘shout.’ So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about it once : and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets : and the armed men went before them ; but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets. And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp : so they did six days.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times : only on that day they compassed the city seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, ‘Shout ; for the LORD hath given you the city.’

So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets : and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. . And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein : only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, ‘Cursed

'be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth
'this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in
'his first-born, and in his youngest son shall he set up the
'gates of it.'

And the LORD said unto Joshua—

'Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people
'of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given
'into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city,
'and his land: and thou shalt do to Ai and her king as
'thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil
'thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey
'unto yourselves: lay thee an ambush for the city behind
'it.'

So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night. And he commanded them, saying, 'Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, even behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready: and I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, that we will flee before them, (for they will come out after us) till we have drawn them from the city. Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand. And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, that ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have commanded you.' Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai. And all the people, even the people of war that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai : now there was a valley between them and Ai. And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of the city. And when they had set the people, even all the host that was on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley. And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain ; but he wist not that there were liers in ambush against him behind the city. And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. And all the people that were in Ai were called together to pursue after them : and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. And there was not a man left in Ai or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel : and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

And the LORD said unto Joshua—

‘Stretch out the spear that is in thine hand towards Ai ;
‘for I will give it into thine hand.’

And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city. And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand : and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire. And when the men

in mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron : and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace-offerings. And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel. And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them ; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal ; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel. And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

And it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof ; that they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai, they did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent,

and bound up ; and old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them ; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy. And they went to Joshua unto the camp of Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, ' We be come from a far country : now therefore ' make ye a league with us.' And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, ' Peradventure ye dwell among us : and ' how shall we make a league with you ? ' And they said unto Joshua, ' We are thy servants.' And Joshua said unto them, ' Who are ye ? and from whence come ye ? ' And they said unto him, ' From a very far country thy ' servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy ' God : for we have heard the fame of him, and all that ' HE did in Egypt, and all that HE did to the two kings ' of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king ' of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at ' Ashtaroath. Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants ' of our country spake to us, saying, " Take victuals with ' you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto ' them, We are your servants : therefore now make ye a ' league with us." This our bread we took hot for our pro- ' vision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go ' unto you ; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy : ' and these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new ; ' and, behold, they be rent : and these our garments and ' our shoes are become old by reason of the very long ' journey.' And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD. And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live : and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

And it came to pass at the end of three days after they

had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them. And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim. And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD GOD of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

But all the princes said unto all the congregation, 'We have sworn unto them by the LORD GOD of Israel : now therefore we may not touch them. This we will do to them ; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them.' And the princes said unto them, ' Let them live ; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation ; ' as the princes had promised them.

And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, ' Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, " We are very far from you ; " when ye dwell among us ? Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.' And they answered Joshua, and said, ' Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing. And now, behold, we are in thine hand : as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.' And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not. And

Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

Now it came to pass, when Adoni-zedec king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it ; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king ; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them ; that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty. Wherefore Adoni-zedec king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, ' Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite ' Gibeon : for it hath made peace with Joshua and with ' the children of Israel.' Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, ' Slack not thy hand from thy servants ; ' come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us : for all ' the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains ' are gathered together against us.' So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour. And the LORD said unto Joshua—

' Fear them not : for I have delivered them into thine hand ;
' there shall not a man of them stand before thee.'

Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night. And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died : they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, 'Sun, stand thou 'still upon Gibeon ; and thou, Moon, in the valley of 'Ajalon !' And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies.

But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah. And it was told Joshua, saying, 'The five 'kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah.' And Joshua said, 'Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, 'and set men by it to keep them : and stay ye not, but 'pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of 'them ; suffer them not to enter into their cities : for the 'LORD your GOD hath delivered them into your hand.' And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest which remained of them entered into fenced cities. And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace.

Then said Joshua, 'Open the mouth of the cave, and

‘bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave.’ And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, ‘Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings.’ And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. And Joshua said unto them, ‘Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage : for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.’ And afterwards Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees : and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening. And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave’s mouth, which remain until this very day.

And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that were therein ; he let none remain : and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho.

Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah : and the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel ; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein ; he let none remain in it ; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.

And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it : and the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish ; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

And from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with him ; and they encamped against it, and fought against it : and they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron ; and they fought against it : and they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein ; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon ; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that were therein.

And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir ; and fought against it : and he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof ; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that were therein ; he left none remaining : as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof ; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their

kings : he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD GOD of Israel commanded. And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon. And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD GOD of Israel fought for Israel. And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, and to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west, and to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh. And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the sea-shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

And the LORD said unto Joshua—

‘Be not afraid because of them : for to-morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel : thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.’

So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly ; and they fell upon them. And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto

great Zidon, and unto Misrephothmaim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward ; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him : he houghed their horses, and burned their chariots with fire.

And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword : for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms. And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them : there was not any left to breathe : and he burnt Hazor with fire. And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of his sword, and he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded. But as for the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only ; that did Joshua burn. And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves ; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe. As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua ; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same ; even from the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon : and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them. Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon : all other they took in battle. For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses ; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal : and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, 'Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea. Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espy out the land ; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart. Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt : but I wholly followed the LORD my God. And Moses sware on that day, saying, "Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God." And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as HE said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness : and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me : as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go

‘out, and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day ; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced : if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.’

And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance. Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD GOD of Israel. And the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba ; which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance. And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, ‘How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD GOD of your fathers hath given you ? Give out from among you three men for each tribe : and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them ; and they shall come again to me. And they shall divide it into seven parts : Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north. Ye shall therefore describe the land into seven parts, and bring the description hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our GOD. But the Levites have no part among you ; for the priesthood of the LORD is

‘their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.’

And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, ‘Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh.’ And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came again to Joshua to the host at Shiloh. And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

The LORD also spake unto Joshua, saying—

‘Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses: that the slayer that killeth any person unawares and unwittingly may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them. And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand: because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime. And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, and until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.’

And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naph-

tali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.

And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth any person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

Then came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel; and they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, 'The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.' And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, cities and their suburbs.

Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and said unto them, 'Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you: ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your GOD. And now the LORD your GOD hath given rest unto your brethren, as HE promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, and unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you or

'the other side Jordan. But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your GOD, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.' So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents. Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given possession in Bashan: but unto the other half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren on this side Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also unto their tents, then he blessed them, and he spake unto them, saying, 'Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.'

And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that are in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to.

And the children of Israel heard say, 'Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.' And when the children of Israel

heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them. And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one was an head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel. And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying, 'Thus saith the ' whole congregation of the LORD, "What trespass is this ' that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn ' away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have ' builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against ' the LORD? Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from ' which we are not cleansed until this day, although there ' was a plague in the congregation of the LORD, but that ' ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? ' and it will be, seeing ye rebel to-day against the LORD, ' that to-morrow HE will be wroth with the whole con- ' gregation of Israel. Notwithstanding, if the land of ' your possession be unclean, then pass ye over unto the ' land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORD's ' tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but ' rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in ' building you an altar beside the altar of the LORD our ' God."

Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel, 'The LORD God

‘ gods, the LORD GOD of gods, He knoweth, and Israel he shall know ; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,) that we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt-offering or meat-offering, or if to offer peace-offerings thereon, let the LORD himself require it ; and if we have not rather done it for fear of this thing, saying, “ In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD GOD of Israel ? For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad ; ye have no part in the LORD : so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD.” Therefore we said, “ Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice : but that it may be a witness between us and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the LORD before him with our burnt-offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace-offerings ; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD.” Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say again, “ Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offerings, nor for sacrifices ; but it is a witness between us and you.” God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt-offerings, for meat-offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of the LORD our God that is before his tabernacle.’

And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the

congregation and heads of the thousands of Israel which were him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, it pleased them. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, 'This day we perceive that the LORD is among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD : now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.' And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. And the thing pleased the children of Israel ; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age. And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, 'I am old and stricken in age : and ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you ; for the LORD your God is HE that hath fought for you. Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward.

'And the LORD your God, HE shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight ;

‘ ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath
‘ promised unto you. Be ye therefore very courageous to
‘ keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law
‘ of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right
‘ hand or to the left; that ye come not among these nations,
‘ these that remain among you; neither make mention of
‘ the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them,
‘ neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them: but
‘ cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto
‘ this day. For the LORD hath driven out from before you
‘ great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath
‘ been able to stand before you unto this day. One man
‘ of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God,
‘ HE it is that fighteth for you, as He hath promised you.

‘ Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love
‘ the LORD your God. Else if ye do in any wise go back,
‘ and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these
‘ that remain among you, and shall make marriages with
‘ them, and go in unto them, and they to you: know
‘ for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more
‘ drive out any of these nations from before you; but they
‘ shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your
‘ sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off
‘ this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.
‘ And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth:
‘ and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that
‘ not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the
‘ LORD your God spake concerning you: all are come to
‘ pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.
‘ Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things
‘ are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised
‘ you; so shall the Lord bring upon you all evil things,

‘ until HE have destroyed you from off this good land which
‘ the LORD your GOD hath given you. When ye have
‘ transgressed the covenant of the LORD your GOD, which
‘ HE commanded you, and have gone and served other
‘ gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the
‘ anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall
‘ perish quickly from off the good land which HE hath
‘ given unto you.’

And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before GOD.

And Joshua said unto all the people, ‘ Thus saith the
‘ LORD GOD of Israel, “ Your fathers dwelt on the other
‘ side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of
‘ Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served
‘ other gods. And I took your father Abraham from the
‘ other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the
‘ land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him
‘ Isaac. And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I
‘ gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and
‘ his children went down into Egypt. I sent Moses also
‘ and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which
‘ I did among them: and afterwards I brought you out.
‘ And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto
‘ the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers
‘ with chariots and horsemen unto the Red Sea. And when
‘ they cried unto the LORD, HE put darkness between you
‘ and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and
‘ covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done
‘ in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season.
‘ And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which

‘dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with
‘you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might
‘possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.
‘Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and
‘warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son
‘of Beor to curse you: but I would not hearken unto
‘Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered
‘you out of his hand. And ye went over Jordan, and
‘came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against
‘you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites,
‘and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and
‘the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand.
‘And I set the hornet before you, which drave them out
‘from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites;
‘but not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. And I have
‘given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities
‘which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vine-
‘yards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.”

‘Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity
‘and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers
‘served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and
‘serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve
‘the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve;
‘whether the gods which your fathers served that were on
‘the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites,
‘in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we
‘will serve the LORD.’

And the people answered and said, ‘God forbid that
‘we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; for the
‘LORD our God, HE it is that brought us up and our
‘fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of
‘bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight,

‘and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and
‘among all the people through whom we passed: and the
‘LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the
‘Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also
‘serve the LORD; for HE is our God.’

And Joshua said unto the people, ‘Ye cannot serve the
‘LORD: for HE is an holy God; HE is a jealous God;
‘HE will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If
‘ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then HE
‘will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that
‘HE hath done you good.’

And the people said unto Joshua, ‘Nay; but we will
‘serve the LORD.’

And Joshua said unto the people, ‘Ye are witnesses
‘against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to
‘serve him.’

And they said, ‘We are witnesses.’

‘Now therefore put away,’ said he, ‘the strange gods
‘which are among you, and incline your heart unto the
‘LORD God of Israel.’

And the people said unto Joshua, ‘The LORD our God
‘will we serve, and his voice will we obey.’

So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day,
and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.
And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of
God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an
oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. And Joshua
said unto all the people, ‘Behold, this stone shall be a
‘witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the
‘LORD which HE spake unto us: it shall be therefore a
‘witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.’ So Joshua
let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

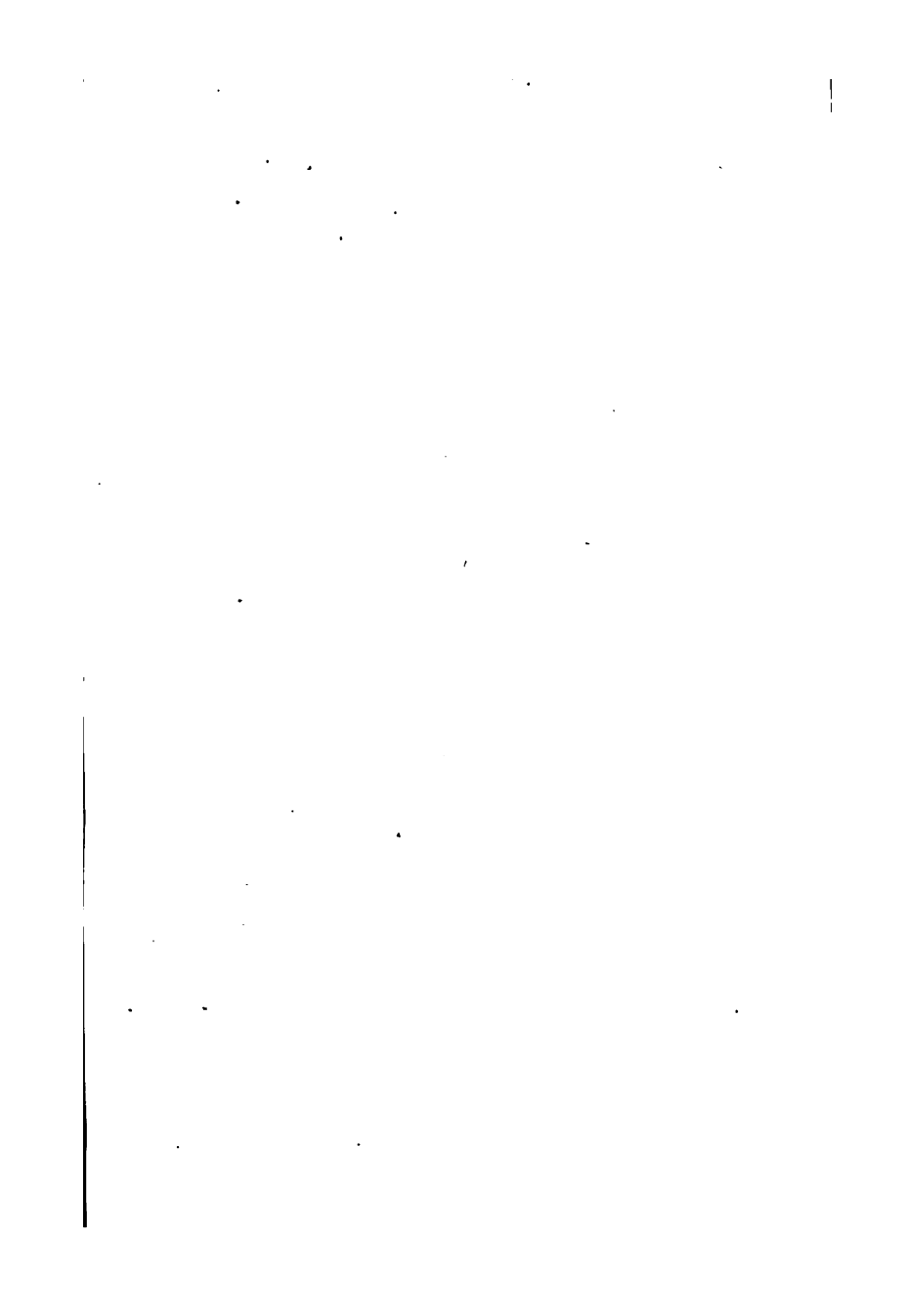
And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that HE had done for Israel.

And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver : and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

And Eleazar the son of Aaron died ; and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

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